

## **WNA Meeting Sep. 7, 2024**

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:19 PM on 7268 KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: KA9BAE, WB9ICH (WD9FLJ absent) SM: KC9FXE, STM: K9LGU, ASTM: N9VC.

BWN: AG9G – DELEGATE

BEN: NX9K/NM

WSBN: AG9G/NM

WSSN: KB9ROB/NM -

WIN/E: WB9ICH/NM -

WIN/L: K9LGU/DELEGATE -

WARES HF: WB9WKO/NM

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: K9AJP, KA9GNG, W9GHT

**KB9ROB: Minutes from the meeting of 06-28-24 have been emailed.** (K9LGU, AG9G) to approve minutes – Carried.

**NX9K, Chair** – The next quarterly meeting will be December 7.

**Secretary's Report** – KB9ROB – No reports since last meeting

**N9VC: Treasurer's Report**- Balance \$350 has not changed. Filing with the state will be next month. (WB9ICH, AG9G) Motion to accept - Carried.

**KC9FXE: Section Manager Report** – Jason thanked all those who facilitate the nets and noted that more participation would be appreciated. To those who do check in to help the nets\ please follow net procedures.

**K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report** – The annual Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for October 5 to test emergency-operating skills and the readiness of our equipment. Watch for announcements and be aware of your local ARES/RACES unit's plans. Because the word “set” has 430 meanings (most of any in the Oxford English Dictionary) please refer to the SET by the acronym S E T – like we do with FBI, CIA, and FCC.

We owe a big debt of gratitude to our net managers, net controls, and liaison stations. They've been able to keep things on schedule even at times with other events taking priority. Trading assignments, helping out, and filling in have kept our nets going even under poor propagation.

Operators who would like to receive the monthly STM Report should send an email to [K9LGU@arrl.net](mailto:K9LGU@arrl.net) and ask to be added to the distribution list.

This year's state ARES/RACES Conference is scheduled in Wisconsin Rapids on November 2. One presentation on the agenda will be about the state of our NTS nets. Registration details will be on the state ARRL website.

Wisconsin Section net 2024 totals as of September 1, 2024, are 21,990 stations; 36,573 pieces of traffic; in 1538 sessions.

Here are three traffic-handling reminders to pass along.

Figures are said individually, so it's "Figures six seven" not "Sixty seven" and "One five" not "Fifteen." And remember the difference between the figure "zero" and the letter O.

If you're going to **spell** a group in the text of a message, it works like this. *First*, you say the word in the text. Then you say "I spell." Then you spell it phonetically. Then you continue with the text. Don't forget to say the word first so the receiver knows what you'll be spelling. Don't just start the spelling.

If you use "I say again" to repeat a group in a message text to correct or prevent a mistake, it works similarly. Say the word or group; then say "I say again"; then repeat the group.

**N9VC : ASTM Report:** Jim offered his position as ASTM to any volunteer. There were none.

**N9VC : Digital Report:** Jim reported that during the first 8 months of the year the board passed 40,188 messages through. Its monthly average is 5023.5 as an MBO. It runs well although some who have access to it do not use it.

**BWN Report – AG9G Delegate –** The BWN net manager is K9LUK. The net meets every morning from 5:30 to 7:15 to pick up weather data. A template set by the NWS years ago is followed for each message. It includes a message number, the 24-hour high temperature, low temperature, current temperature, 24-hr precipitation and 24-hr. snowfall and snow depth during winter. Dwight pointed out that net procedures haven't changed. Listening to this net and any net will show newcomers the correct net protocol. Seven NCS operators with KG9B as an alternate keep the net running smoothly. They get relays from stations around the country. The last three months saw 3108 check ins handling 4534 pieces of traffic in 9187 minutes making 92 sessions. Averages are

34 daily check-ins with 49 messages daily in typically 104 minutes daily. Stations and traffic numbers are starting to increase with the change of seasons.

**BEN Report** – NX9K/NM Kris shared that June-July-August totals showed 913 stations, traffic 884, in 1,495 minutes of those 62 sessions. The grand total from January through August was stations: 2,599, traffic: 2,596 in 4,110 minutes making up 244 sessions. All participants did a great job under some poor conditions.

**WSBN Report** – AG9G/NM – Even with challenging band conditions in the last three months we had 1,220 checkins averaging 13 per net, 563 messages (about 6 per session) in 1,953 minutes or about 21 minutes per session. Conditions are finally improving. Thanks to net controls and liaison stations and those who filled in such as K9STN. Please note that the net may shift to USB if crowded conditions on the band require it.

**WSSN Report** – KB9ROB/NM – This is the first of the daily CW nets each day on 3555KHz. Net controls will slow to any speed of a station checking in. There are openings in 4 of 7 nights for net controls. Volunteers needed. August had 148 check-ins passing 48 pieces of traffic in 356 minutes. Messages passed here are both local and thru traffic which goes to WIN.

**WIN/E Report** – WB9ICH/NM – Larry showed WIN/E has total Avg 144 check-ins (8 per night) Traffic is usually about 244/mo. That averages to 3 or 4 / session. 294 min in a month yields 5-6 minutes per session. Net is doing well. Liaisons could use some relief. Net reports may occasionally be routed via WIN/L.

**WIN/L Report** – W9RTP/NM- Report via K9LGU Delegate indicated that Late WIN continues to provide the route for incoming traffic from 9RN/L to the BEN the next day. Typically, five or six stations check in. As the season changes, it may be necessary to shift to 1.805 MHz. at times. Net is doing okay.

**ARES/RACES HF Net** – WB9WKO/NM – Ron reminded all that the net meets each Sunday at 8 am on 3967. ECs, DECs, and ARES members discuss current issues and offer some practice handling traffic. August saw some lower numbers during the summer with 42 checkins, 43 pieces of traffic, in 95 minutes of 4 Sundays. That brings the yearly totals to 462 checkins, 129 messages, in 1,007 min in 33 meetings.

**ARES/RACES VHF Net** – NO REPORT

**WARES/RACES DIGITAL Net** – NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS** – NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** – Election of Officers -

**Motion to open nominations** (AG9G, K9LGU) – Carried. The following members were nominated: Chair NX9K; Secretary KB9ROB ; Treasurer N9VC; Members at Large WB9ICH, KA9BAE, WD9FLJ

Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate offered (N9VC, AG9G) Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn (KC9FXE, AG9G) Carried. Meeting closed at 1:04 PM.

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