

## WNA Meeting Dec. 7, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:18PM on 7273 KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: KA9BAE STM: K9LGU, ASTM: N9VC.

BWN: AG9G – DELEGATE -

BEN: NX9K/NM -

WSBN: AG9G/NM -

WSSN: KB9ROB/NM -

WIN/E: NONE -see report

WIN/L: W9RTP/NM -

WARES HF: WB9WKO/NM

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: KB9CBL, AC9F, K9STN, W9CPY, WB9NRK, K9OT

**KB9ROB:** Minutes from the meeting of 09-07-24 have been emailed. Motion to approve minutes ( K9LGU, N9VC) – Carried.

**NX9K, Chair** – The next quarterly meeting will be March 8, 2025.

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

**N9VC: Treasurer's Report-** Balance \$350 has not changed. Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report Form completed online Oct 8th and received by Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions - Division of Corporate and Consumer Services The filing fee was donated. Motion to accept (AG9G, K9LGU) - Carried.

**KC9FXE: Section Manager Report** – No report

**K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report** – The net manager for the Wisconsin ARES-RACES Digital Net, KB9MMC, is retiring from the position. Many thanks to Jim for his service as ASEC for Digital Communications with that weekly Winlink test over the years. The new net manager for that net will probably be Joe, KD9USW, in Waupaca. When he's appointed, we'll be sure to invite him to the quarterly WNA meetings.

The nine section nets year-to-date totals are Check-ins 30,221 Traffic 50,891 Time 126,599 minutes or 2,110 hours in 2,114 net sessions. Net managers have been very faithful in forwarding their monthly reports.

I want to stress, again, the idea of taking responsibility. When stations take traffic it obligates them to pass or deliver the message in a timely way and they do it. When stations volunteer as liaison to another net, we expect them to go, and they do. Likewise, net controls are obligated to show up and start their net on time. If anyone can't make their scheduled job, they arrange for a substitute. Many thanks to everyone who takes their obligations seriously because that's what keeps the system working as it should. Of course, more net controls and liaison stations (especially those fluent in CW) would be very welcome, but because the folks we have met their obligations we have some of the best section nets ever.

**N9VC : Digital Report:** The MBO covers the whole country as it also serves the section. The first 11 months handled 56,399 messages averaging 5127 per month. The board is doing okay.

**N9VC : ASTM Report:** Jim offered thanks to all participants and liaison stations in our section nets. Merry Christmas to all.

**BWN Report** – AG9G Delegate – The BWN (3.984 KHz) net manager is K9LUK. Dwight pointed out that September thru November the net saw 3,306 checkins passing 4,565 pieces of traffic in special format. It took 9,497 minutes in those 91 sessions. So that averages each net to have 36 checkins, 50 messages, in 104 MIN. The seven net controls are very good about providing coverage for every net. No sessions were missed. There's a special website at <http://www.badgerweathernet.com/> with format details and history.

**BEN Report** – NX9X/NM offered statistics for SEP-NOV. 1,012 check ins 1,054 messages in 1,579 minutes in 62 sessions Grand totals to date are stations: 3,611, traffic: 3,650, time: 5,689 minutes in 336 sessions. Traffic is moving well.

**WSBN Report** – AG9G/NM – Numbers for September thru November are 1,438 checkins, 600 messages, in 2,067 min. 91 sessions. The per session average is 16 stations, 7 messages, in 23 min per session. Net controls and liaison stations are appreciated. The heavy haulers, WJ9L and WB9WKO, really help by bringing plenty of traffic. Check-ins and traffic totals are up.

**WSSN Report** – KB9ROB/NM – The WSSN, the first of the daily CW nets at 6 PM. More check-ins and traffic are evident. Increasing totals for November were 179 checkins, 58 messages, in 5 hours and 49 minutes. The net controls are (N9VC, K9LGU, AG9G) appreciated. Because more net controls are needed, a self-directed shadowing program is available. Any operator can follow and note what the NCS does, listen and then feel free to ask questions of Dean (262-366-6607) about the net operations. When ready, please offer to give it a try as net control. N9VC explained the CW net format with examples and an invitation to participate noting the net control will match CW speed to the station checking in.

**WIN/E Report** – Submitted by e mail:

Sorry I couldnt make the meeting but here are the stats for the past 3 months

WIN/Qni 438 an ave. of 146 per mo. Qtc 730 an ave. of 246 per Mo.

Qtr 612 min. an ave. of 204 mins per mo.

Win is in good shape and doing well I want to thank all the people who QNI along with my NCS,SSB reps and 9RN reps who make this net possible we couldnt do it without you

Happy Holidays to everyone, 73. Larry WB9ICH

**WIN/L Report** – W9RTP/NM- This ten o'clock net on 3555 KHz gets traffic from the late session Ninth Region net which usually gets passed to an SSB rep. Typically, there are 5-6 checkins including the 9RN rep and an SSB rep to take traffic to the BEN and WSBN the following day. Fairly good conditions for the past several months are

reflected in our statistics.

**ARES/RACES HF Net** – WB9WKO/NM – This net is designed for ECs, AECs, DECs, and members from all counties around the state for practice and discussion. Good net controls run the net on 3967 at 8 am every Sunday morning. Numbers are increasing following the summer. November saw 55 checkins, 10 messages, in 111 minutes on the four sessions. So the year to date shows 616 checkins, 157 pieces of traffic, 1,341 minutes in 46 sessions. Please encourage your EC and AEC appointees to attend, especially on the last Sunday of the month when each county is invited to report on their activities.

**ARES/RACES VHF Net** – NO REPORT

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** – **MOTION:** That Article Four Section 3 be amended by deleting the words "**STM, ASTM, and BM.**" The new wording would be "The SM and SEC will not hold the office of chairman, secretary, or treasurer of the W.N.A. The Board of Directors shall be the W.N.A. chairman, W.N.A. Secretary, W.N.A. Treasurer, and three (3) members to be elected at large." This change would be bring the Constitution into compliance with our current practice. Individuals would still be able to decline nomination for any office. This motion will be tabled and included in the minutes. Then a vote on the motion will be taken at the next regular meeting.

Motion above (K9LGU, KB9ROB) Carried.

Motion to table (K9LGU, N9VC) Discussion. Carried.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the W.N.A. shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Training Officer. The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates. The Training Officer shall be the STM unless otherwise designated by the SM and installed as a W.N.A. officer upon majority approval of the delegates. Three additional directors, members-at-large shall also be elected by a majority of the delegates.

**Section 2.** Said officers must be delegates from an affiliated net at the time of their election and will hold office for a period of two years.

**Section 3.** The SM and SEC, **STM, ASTM, and BM** will not hold the office of chairman, secretary, or treasurer of the W.N.A. The Board of Directors shall be the W.N.A. chairman, W.N.A. Secretary, W.N.A. Treasurer, and three (3) members to be elected at large.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended as follows: Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular or special meeting, provided that notice is given of the intent and purpose of such meeting. The proposed amendment shall be tabled after proper disclosure until the next regular meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be sent to the Chairman, the Secretary, and to the delegates of each affiliated net starting the change. Notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be voted upon shall be given to all concerned not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – (KB9ROB, KA9BAE) Carried. Meeting closed at 1:06PM)