

## **WNA Meeting September 13, 2025**

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at noon on 7268 and moved to 3985 KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Acting Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: K9STN, WB9ICH, KA9BAE SM: KC9FXE STM: K9LGU, ASTM: N9VC.

BWN: AG9G – DELEGATE -

BEN: NX9K/NM -

WSBN: AG9G/NM -

WSSN: KB9ROB/NM –

WIN/E: WB9ICH/NM -

WIN/L: W9RTP/NM -

WARES HF: WB9WKO/NM

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: KC9KRX, KC9UC, KD9USN, K9NY

**KB9ROB:** Minutes from the meeting of 6-7-25 have been emailed. Motion to approve minutes (K9LGU, N9VC) – Carried

**NX9K, Chair** - Thanks to K9STN for accepting appointment as Member-at-Large of the WNA. The next quarterly meeting will be DEC 13, 2025.

**Secretary's Report** – K9LGU – No reports since last meeting

**N9VC: Treasurer's Report-** Balance \$350 has not changed. Motion to accept (WB9ICH, AG9G) - Carried.

**KC9FXE: Section Manager Report** – No report . KC9FXE could not hear any stations after meeting moved to 3985 khz

**K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report** –

1. Thanks to everyone who originates, takes, and delivers messages especially for some places in the section that might not have regular outlets on the nets.
2. We're very grateful to everyone who understands that when they take a message for relay or delivery it comes with an obligation to handle it in a timely fashion.
3. The net frequency is where the net control is. If the NCS shifts up or down, changes bands, or changes sidebands, just be flexible.
4. Net controls are reminded to check the frequency before the net with enough time for stations to adjust or re-tune.
5. As a net control, when conditions are poor don't hesitate to try other bands. When you can't hear any signals anywhere, make some calls and contact the net manager even via telephone if needed. Sometimes the solar storms just win.
6. Remember, the net control is boss. Always get recognized before your net contribution, even if it's a relay. Just say your call and get recognized first.
7. If a net control directs a station to handle a second-go from another station, the station assisting automatically has the frequency to ask for and respond to the comments before turning control back to the NCS.

8. To the end of May, we had 2,557 check-ins to our section nets and handled 5,376 messages in 194 net sessions despite some poor propagation. Good work.

**N9VC : ASTM Report:**

**MBO REPORT**

JAN - AUG TOTAL 36981  
AVG 4623 PER MONTH

The BEN HF net will hold special sessions to support the 2025 S.E.T. on October 4th. More info to be released in coming weeks. I want to thank K9LGU, AG9G, K9STN, and WJ9L for volunteering to be net controls.

I attended a zoom meeting Friday SEP 12th with other traffic generators and ARRL leadership. One station, not sure of his title, reported that Wisconsin will not accept traffic. Needless to say I engaged the group and said that statement was false. It had started with a former Section Manager in Iowa.

**N9VC : Digital Report:** The digital message board is doing fine. Jan-Aug 36,981 messages passed through the board, averaging 4,623/mo. It's picking up.

**BWN Report** – AG9G Delegate – The daily Badger Weather Net meets on 3984. It runs from 5:30 to 7:15 AM . Jun-Aug figures are 3138 check-ins, 4169 messages, 9723 min. 92 sessions. Averaging 34 check-ins/ 51 messages/106 minutes per session. Relay stations support us well under poor conditions. The same established format for reports will continue with snow depth reports this winter. K9LUK is net manager, keeps the records, maintains the BWN web site and submits the reports.

All days are covered by NCS from 0530am to 0715am.

Have help every day from relay stations.

We pick up wx traffic in the following format: Msg #, 24 hour High Temp, 24 hour Low Temp, Current Temp, 24 hour precipitation.

During winter months we add 24 hour snowfall and Snow depth on the ground.

Checkins have ticked back up towards 40 per session now that summer is coming to an end

**BEN Report** NX9K/NM reported for June, July, and August check-ins of 721, 528 pieces of traffic, time:1442 minutes in 81 sessions. The grand totals (Jan.- Aug.) for this year are 2329 check-ins;1963 messages in 3459 minutes of 232 sessions. Traffic handlers are doing a great job keeping messages moving. We still need a Saturday NCS.

**WSBN Report** AG9G/NM – The 3-month totals for the Wisconsin Side Band Net were Stations: 1299 Traffic: 439 Time:1951 minutes Sessions: 92. The net averages 14 check-ins per session, 5 messages per session and 21 minutes per session. The net met all scheduled sessions. Band conditions have been poor so credit goes to the net controls and those assisting. AC9F is still recovering so special thanks to WB9WKO and N9VC for filling in for Chuck on Saturdays. Everyone's participation is appreciated. Winter conditions approach. We may have to start the net earlier as propagation changes. Sep 20 and 27 may not have a net session.

Thanks to the following:

All stations who participate on the WSBN.

Stations who take traffic and deliver the messages to their final destination.

The Heavy Haulers and other stations who bring traffic to the WSBN.

N9VC and K9LGU for assisting with liaison duties for Thru traffic that needs to go to WIN/E.

NX9K, N9VC, KC9FXE, KB9GO, WB9WKO, and KA9BAE who have acted as NCS over the last 3 months

Suspending WSBN for Sat Sept 20 and Sept 27. Will decide whether we will do the same for Saturdays in October.

Winter months are around the corner and as the band conditions stretch out will probably need to start the WSBN at 4:50pm after the time change so that we can get traffic handled.

**WSSN** KB9ROB/NM – The Wisconsin Slow Speed Net meets as the first of the daily CW nets daily on 3555 at 6PM. August saw 143 check-ins, 55 messages and 360 minutes in 31 sessions. Numbers are consistent. Thanks to the net controls. Ten of those at our meeting today have checked in to the WSSN. Your support is appreciated. Please encourage even more to participate.

**WIN/E** WB9ICH/NM – Three month totals show 397 check-ins, averaging 4 per session, 558 pieces of traffic, taking 792 min in 92 sessions. July traffic was down a little. Additional net controls could really help lighten the load.

**WIN/L** W9RTP/NM

Late/WIN summary for June, July, and August 2025:

Net meets daily at 10:00 PM nightly on 3555 kHz, usually bringing traffic from a session of 9RN and passing it on to a SSB rep for phone nets the following day. Band conditions have generally been good during the three months and we have held a net for each of the 92 days.

QNI: 500 (5.4) QTC: 73 (2.2) QTR: 261 (9) ...(nightly averages in parentheses).

Hats off to our faithful NCS guys: AG9G/Sunday, K9LGU/Monday,

KC9UC/Tuesday, N9VC/ Wednesday and Thursday, and W9RTP/Friday and Saturday.

All stations are welcome to check in. Listen a few nights if you are unsure of procedure and use whatever code speed you are comfortable with, the NCS will accomodate. 73

**ARES/RACES HF Net** – WB9WKO/NM – This net meets every Sunday at 8 AM on 3967. It usually runs less than 30 minutes and includes some message-handling practice and current ARES/RACES activities. The past three months had 466 check ins, 78 messages, in 869 minutes of 35 sessions. Looking for more check ins and net control volunteers.

**ARES/RACES VHF Net** – NO REPORT

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

**OLD BUSINESS** – NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** – NONE

**ADJOURNMENT** – (AG9G, KB9ROB) Carried. Meeting closed at 12:49 PM)