

WNA Meeting March 7, 2026

The quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Nets Association, Ltd. was called to order by NX9K at 12:18 on 7268KHz. The purpose of the WNA was reviewed.

Roll: Chair: NX9K, Secretary: KB9ROB, Treasurer: N9VC, Members-at-Large: WB9ICH, KB9CBL SM: KC9FXE/M STM: K9LGU, ASTM:N9VC.

BWN: AG9G – DELEGATE -

BEN: NX9K/NM -

WSBN: AG9G/NM -

WSSN: KB9ROB/NM –

WIN/E: WB9ICH/NM -

WIN/L: NONE -

WARES HF: N9VC reporting for K9STN

WARES VHF: NONE

WARES DIGITAL: NONE

VISITORS: KB9IME, AC9F, WB9WKO, K9OT

KB9ROB: Minutes from the meeting of 12 -13 -25 have been emailed. Motion to approve minutes (N9VC, K9LGU) – Carried

NX9K, Chair - The next quarterly meeting will be JUNE 6.

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

N9VC: Treasurer's Report- Balance \$350 has not changed. Motion to accept (KB9ROB, AG9G) – Carried.

KC9FXE report via N9VC. Wisconsin Section nets are top notch. Why is that?

First, it's because we have section level leaders who really care. They care about good net protocol, they care about efficient traffic handling skills, and they care about setting a good example for our newer members.

Second, it's because we have net managers who take care of the day-to-day net operations and make sure that they are on the air each time they are scheduled.

And third, it's because we have net members who want to be part of a good net, want to learn proper procedures, want to help the traffic get passed, and want to be part of the overall success.

From time to time our leadership may question or critique. They may even ask for adjustments to be made. Don't take it personally, but instead, embrace it. It's just a direct result of the first point that I just made... They care!

Thank you to Denny, Jim, our net managers, and all of our net members for making our nets so successful. I could easily make an argument that they are some of the very best in the nation.

K9LGU: Section Traffic Manager Report –

Sometimes my report is all about what we could do better. Today, I have a list of some things I'm pleased we're hearing or not hearing on the nets.

1. No one has been speaking of politics, religion, or arguments.
2. Sending stations have not been labeling the parts of the preamble.
3. Operators checking in to nets are listening before checking in.
4. People who use "73" don't say it with an "S" after it.
5. Proper prowords like "I spell" and "I say again" are being used correctly.
6. Use of ITU phonetics for callsigns and spelling is common.
7. Nets are starting on time.
8. Net managers have been very prompt with their reports.

9. Numbers are introduced as “figures” and said individually.

10. Nets are staying efficient and welcoming.

These are all good qualities. We're proud of all the traffic handlers.

So far this year there were 5200 check-ins passing 8277 messages.

Voice and CW nets have handled 4648 individual messages on our nets in the first two months. The WAR Digital net passed 3629.

N9VC : ASTM Report: no report

N9VC :MBO report Last 3 months board totals

TOTAL RCVD/5976

TOTAL SENT/7234

TOTAL/SENT/RCVD/13210 / 4403 per Month

The board is running good as evidenced by the East coast relaying messages through the system here to go out to the west coast. But traffic is down for a few reasons.

One is the main traffic generator, VE1AAC, had suffered serious antenna and tower damage and another, W8MAL, concentrates sending traffic mainly to West coast.

Last, but not least is the search sites we obtain phone numbers from have been periodically locking us out preventing searches.

With storm season approaching, there may be periods when the board will be down. I try to keep it to a minimum.

BWN Report – AG9G Delegate – The net continues from 5:30 to 7:15 AM daily. Averages are 35 stations per session, 58 messages, in 108 minutes. The totals for the last three months were 3151 check-ins, 5262 messages, in 9749 minutes. No sessions were missed. Stations from all around the country and Canada participate so it provides a good synopsis of weather conditions. Thanks to K9STN for filling in as new Tuesday net control for long-time NCS, N9NBC, who needed to retire for health reasons. This net has been running since the 1960's and many participants have been with the BWN for 50 years.

BEN Report NX9K/NM Kris indicated the Dec report showed 400 check-ins, 267 messages, 539 minutes in 31 sessions. The 2025 Jan-Dec grand totals show 3811 check-ins, 2932 messages, in 5086 minutes of 358 sessions. The Jan-Feb numbers are 689 check-ins, 487 messages in 986 minutes of 59 sessions. Thanks to K9STN and KB9CBL for their volunteering as net controls. Nets are holding their own.

WSBN Report AG9G/NM – This daily net has been starting at 4:50 Dec-Jan-Feb averages per session were 16 stations, 6 messages in 22 min. Totals for Dec., Jan., Feb. were 1434 check-ins, 534 messages, 1958 minutes with all sessions covered. Glad to hear AC9F back on Saturdays. Thanks for rotating net controls on Sunday nights i.e. K9STN, KB9CBL, KC9FXE, K9LGU, NX9K. The net will now shift back to 5:00 PM for starting. Thanks for help from all liaison stations.

WSSN KB9ROB/NM – The Wisconsin Slow Speed Net is the first of the daily CW nets on 3555 starting at 6PM. Net is doing well. Feb report of 152 check-ins, 52 messages, in 377 minutes of 28 sessions is typical. Numbers are very steady. All are invited for CW net practice on a net.

WIN/E WB9ICH/NM – Early WIN still meets at 7 local on 3555. Thanks to NCS and 9RN

reps. For their consistent good service. We could surely use new members. Check-ins are down a little. Come and learn. Net controls will slow to the speed of any check-in if needed.

WIN/L W9RTP/NM – no report

ARES/RACES HF Net – K9STN/NM –The Wisconsin ARES/RACES HF Net (WAHFRN) is holding steady at this time. January we averaged 12 check ins per week. February was 11. We have added KC9OGB as an alternate NCS. We have usually two formal traffic messages per week, with some use of the ICS 213. We are encouraging more traffic by assigning members to convert ARRL Radiograms into iCS 213 messages.

I would like to add more net control stations, and have put some requests to operators who check in frequently to consider coming on board as NCS.

WB9WKO has set up a thorough Net subject list for 2026 before retiring and it is being well received.

ARES/RACES VHF Net – NO REPORT

ARES/RACES DIGITAL Net – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Comments were invited from visitors.

ADJOURNMENT (WB9ICH, AG9G) Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58.