

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz
Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



Officers:

President: Steve Mellenthin K9STT

Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE

Secretary: John Goldschmidt N9GLT

Officers at Large: Doug Dooley KD8OVR

Bruce Conover N9CON

Char Conover

The MMARC Newsletter

March, 2022

CLUB CALENDAR...

Mar 10 7pm Club Meeting inVenture North

Mar 11 5pm Fish Fry Whistle Stop

Apr 14 7pm Club Meeting inVenture North

CLUB MEETING...

Our March meeting returns to the usual location at inVenture North, 1320 Main Street in Marinette on Thursday March 10. Updates on repeater expansion and proposed by-laws changes are on the agenda, which is in this newsletter.

FISH FRY...

The Club invites you to a Fish Fry at the Whistle Stop on Highway 41, north of Menominee on Friday March 11 at 5pm. Have one of their great fish frys, or anything else on the menu. We hope you can join us.

WISCONSIN QSO PARTY...

Sunday March 13th is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. It's also day of the Wisconsin QSO Party. Operating hours are 1pm to 8pm Central Time. Contacts can be made on Phone, CW, and Digital (Except FT8/FT4). Complete rules at:

<http://mail.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>

March 2022 Agenda

Call to order
Pledge of allegiance
Introductions

Approval of [2022 February Minutes](#)

Treasurer's report

Correspondence

Committee Reports

Repeater Report - AB9PJ

Education/Training/Testing - KD8OVR

Property Report - N9CON

ARES Report - KD8FUE

Fundraising Committee KD8FUE/K9STT

DAR report - K9STT/KD8FUE

Yacht Report - KG8CX

Web/ARRL report - K9STT

New business

Approval for July 9th Heritage Fest event

Approval for [Heritage Fest Budget](#)

By-laws Change Property Inventory - Doug

Old Business

Repeater Expansion, South/North

By-laws change (allow the purchase of ancillary goods up to \$75, allow Board to make expenditures up to \$1,000)

ARES, Antennas at EOC

Announcements

Fish Fry at Whistle Stop on Highway 41, north of Menominee

Adjournment

Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the Labor Hall in Menominee by club president Steve Mellenthin, K9STT. Motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Mike Lemke, KD8FUE and seconded by Tim Mellenthin, WN6KHG. The motion was accepted and carried.

Treasures Report: Club treasurer KD8FUE reported a balance of \$4,970.90 and a trailer fund balance of \$721.06

Correspondence: AARL club grants start in April. K9STT will check into them.

Committee Reports

Repeater Report: No report.

Education and Training: Doug Dooley, KD8OVR had nothing new to report. Test sessions can be scheduled at any time if needed.

Property Report: Nothing new to report.

ARES Report: Nothing new to report.

Trailer Report: Waiting for warmer weather to resume work on the trailer.

Fundraiser Report: K9STT reported he is planning on having two brat fry's and the Stephenson Island fundraiser this summer. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact K9STT.

DAR report: KD8FUE reported the room has been steady but slow lately. Anyone wishing to help out in the DAR radio room can contact K9STT or KD8FUE

Webmaster Report: K9STT reported the website is doing fine.

ARRL Report: K9STT reported we are current with ARRL.

HATT: No report.

New Business

Finance and property review will be scheduled soon by KD8OVR.

KD8FUE brought up the cost of sending reminder letters to club members who haven't paid their dues by the end of December each year. He is currently spending \$50-\$60 a year sending out reminders to members to pay their membership dues. KD8FUE proposed the idea of raising the cost of the dues if they are paid after December to cover the cost of mailing reminder letters. KD8OVR suggested we try emailing the reminders instead of using the US mail to reduce the cost. No action taken.

K9STT requested the club to appropriate funds to the repeater expansion project like has been done for the communications trailer. If we would find a good deal on equipment needed for this project, we would be able to purchase it right away instead of waiting for the next club meeting to approve the purchase. A motion to appropriate \$2500 for the repeater expansion project was made by KD8FUE and seconded by WN6KHG. The motion was accepted and carried.

A proposed by-laws change by K9STT to allow club officers to approve small purchases without a club vote has been tabled until next meeting.

A motion to nominate Char Conover for HAM of the Year was made by WN6KHG and seconded by KD8OVR. The motion was accepted and carried.

Old Business

Repeater expansion was discussed and it was determined that the greatest need for expanded coverage is to the north. Tom Philipps suggested that Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers, MI could be a possible location for a northern repeater.

ARES - Antennas at the EOC in Menominee need to be updated to get out on HF. Also, the Signalink needs to be set up with HF radio to get Winlink up and running. Tom Philipps is working on securing a dedicated room for the EOC at the ISD building in Menominee.

Announcements

A HAM breakfast will be held 9 am Saturday, February 12th at Jo Jo's Diner in Stiles Jct.

N9CON will not be involved in Breakfast on the Farm this year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N9CON and seconded by KD8OVR. The motion was accepted and carried. Meeting ended at 7:52 pm.

7 members present: N9GLT, KD8FUE, WN6KHG, K9STT, N9CON, KD8OVR and WA9BUD.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
John Goldschmidt – Secretary

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