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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May rolls in feeling like a slice of February. We toughed out the opening weekend at the campground, but barely. Temperatures in the 30's with a lot of rain made for a miserable weekend. Hoping that things turn around for us, fast!

I have been on the road a lot this month for work, doing some teaching and other related tasks. One benefit of the cool weather is that it has kept the severe weather away for the most part and with one exception (a watch) we weren't active at all in April. As the weather warms up, this will change as well. Please help our weather nets by keeping an eye on the sky and reporting severe weather as it occurs on our weather nets. These reports will be forwarded real time to the National Weather Service.

I worked with Lucky, K9LUK over the last month and got our domain registry taken care of. This had come due again and was still with our original supplier, with a bill of about \$150 for five years. Lucky already takes care of squaring away our website hosting company and now has switched things over for the domain name management to a company he was familiar with and utilized. The cost was just over \$12 per year and Lucky's efforts have saved us a lot of money!! These services have been renewed and are set to go as they were expiring next week.

At the April meeting, we again lacked a quorum. This is concerning as we still have not hit the magic number of ten paid members yet this year. The lack of a quorum has brought some essential club business to a halt. We still

have not made our holiday donation from the end of the year and further need to still address the open treasurer spot which is being temporarily filled by Dennis, KC9ICA. Please make an attempt to join us at our monthly meetings and take part in these matters!

At the April meeting we passed one item short of a quorum and that was the payment of our club insurance for the year. This was going to expire before the next meeting so it needed to be done. Dennis, KC9ICA, took care of payment of insurance for the upcoming year. All other matters have been tabled until the May meeting.

Also at the April meeting, we passed around the sign-up sheet for our first brat fry, now just over a month away on Sunday, June 4th at Rechek's in Beaver Dam. Dale, WB9ADB reminded me this is also the fly in breakfast date. We will discuss this at the May meeting and decide if we will participate in both. Help will still be needed to keep the brat fry running as we unable to switch dates.

Field Day is now under two months away. Dale still has sites available if interested. Half of the camping expenses are paid by the club which makes this a cheap weekend getaway with the club. We will discuss more details, including the pot luck dinner in the upcoming month.

73,
Ryan KB9OWD
RRRC President

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April 2017 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, by RRRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD at 7:11 PM.

**** Committee Reports ****

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for March, 2017, was presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. All financial transactions were presented and reviewed by the group. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the March, 2017 meeting were presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dave DePover, K9MKP, and seconded by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Repeater Committee: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters meeting on March 18th at HRO in Milwaukee enjoyed an excellent turnout of attendees. After the meeting, everyone was able to check out the newly remodeled HRO store. The radios on display were all hooked up to power and antennas so visitors can check them out in a working environment.

A.R.E.S.: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that the annual SimComm event sponsored by the State where trailers and command posts get together and setup their equipment so that other groups can see what is being done and share ideas and information with each other. This year it will be held on April 25, 26, & 27, at four different locations around Lake Delton at the Wisconsin Dells. It includes information and training sessions with numerous state and local emergency and public safety organizations present as

well as ARES and RACES. April 25th will be the training day with April 26th and 27th geared toward practice and simulations.

UHF Repeater: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, brought along for display the UHF repeater he has for use in the Club ARES trailer. It is programmed to the state-wide portable repeater frequency. It puts out about 10 watts, which is enough power to cover any event we may be participating in. Being on the UHF band, it will not interfere with other radios in use on 2-meters and the HF bands. The repeater frequencies are: Repeater Input = 147.125 MHz, Repeater Output = 142.125 MHz, PL Tone = 114.8 Hz.

Field Day Camp Sites: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that he still has a couple of camp sites available that the Club has reserved at Derge Park. Anyone needing one can talk to Dale to obtain one. As always, the Club pays for half of the camping fee for both nights.

**** Old Business ****

Weather Spotting Training: The annual weather spotter training class presented by the National Weather Service office in Sullivan will be held on Monday, April 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The location will be at the Administration Building in Juneau in the rooms where our RRRRC monthly meetings are held. Ryan has talked to Tom Kucharski from the NWS and he has agreed to say a few words to introduce the program.

Annual RRRRC Donation: The recipient selection and approval for the annual Club charitable donation will again need to be tabled until the May meeting as there are not enough members again this month in attendance to fulfill the requirements of a quorum.

**** New Business ****

RRRC Website Domain Name: Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, reported that he received an email from former RRRRC Webmaster Brad Gehrt, KA9JDE, saying that our domain name will expire on May 4, and is due for renewal. Ryan forwarded this on to the present RRRRC webmaster, Lucky, K9LUK. Lucky

reported that our current pricing of \$45 per year is way high and he believes that Watertown pays around \$13 per year. He will check on Lucky's prices and also from Scott, K9FOX, at qth.com in LaCross, and get back to us and we can act on this at the May meeting in time to get it renewed.

RRRC Liability Insurance: Action on our Club liability insurance through State Farm is due on April 22, and will need to be paid. It was agreed that we needed to take action even without a quorum of members. Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, made a motion to pay the premium of \$475 a second was made by Dave DePover, K9MKP. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The monthly RRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, April 8th, at 8:00 AM.

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Business was concluded and a motion to adjourn was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA
Secretary, Rock River Radio Club



The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, May 6th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2nd AT 7:00 PM IN ROOMS 1H AND 1I OF THE DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN JUNEAU. EVERYONE IS WELCOME; SEE YOU THERE!

RRRC MARCH 2017 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
David DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Dan Lynch	WI9DRL	Beaver Dam
Ralph Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Dennis Druecke	K9DLD	Juneau
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam

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Save These Dates

The RRRC brat fry dates for 2017 are set for Sunday June 4th, and Saturday July 8th. Mark them on your calendars and plan on coming to Recheck's Food Pride in Beaver Dam to help out and have some fun. These brat fry events are important fundraisers for the Club and allow us to be able to help with expenses for Field Day camping costs and acquire items for the ARES emergency communication trailer, just to name a couple of things. We could sure use the help, so come out for them if you can.

RRRC Weekly Nets

Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM

A.R.E.S. Net Control Stations

May 01 Ryan, KB9OWD

May 08 Dennis, KC9ICA

May 15 Bill, KA9OTV

May 22 Ryan, KB9OWD

May 29 Dennis, KC9ICA

Sat. 3.947 MHz 10:00 AM

Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM

Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex



**THE SUBMISSION DEAD-
LINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE
JUNE 2017 ISSUE OF THE
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TUESDAY, May 30th**



