

**Wayne County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2009**

A special meeting of the board of directors was called by President Pete Wene at 6pm. The meeting was attended by board members President Pete Wene, Treasurer Carl Dever, Trustee Ray Lane, and George Peacock. The resignations of the office of Vice president, Secretary and board member at large were discussed and accepted. The board then replaced those who resigned as follows; Vice President Paul Leeper, Secretary Webster James and board member at large Henry Simmons.

A motion was made by Ray Lane to accept the resignation of Austin Rose as Vice President with regret; a second was made by George Peacock and was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ray Lane to accept the resignation of Tracy Rose as secretary with regret which was seconded by Carl Dever and was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by George Peacock and was seconded by Carl Dever to accept the resignation of Craven Malpass from the board and was passed unanimously. President Pete Wene is going to send Craven a letter of appreciation for his many years of service to the club and to amateur radio.

A motion was made by Ray Lane and seconded by George Peacock to elect Webster James as club secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Webster James and seconded by Ray Lane to elect Paul Leeper as club Vice President. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by George Peacock and seconded by Ray Lane to elect Henry Simmons as a board member. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 614pm.

President Pete Wene called to order the first full meeting of the newly formed board of directors at 6:15pm to discuss business that was presented to the board.

Treasurer Carl Dever reported to the club that the treasury currently has a balance of \$1146.30. A motion was made by Webster James and seconded by Paul Leeper to accept the treasurer's report. The board voted unanimously to accept the report.

The board discussed the 300DXL controller and decided to table any action until the technical committee under the chairmanship of Albert Lioen makes a recommendation to the club. Albert will make suggestions at the next meeting of the board. Albert reported that the current controller would be used to build a tactical cross band repeater as well as having a back up controller for the clubs two repeaters.

The board discussed reviewing the constitution and by laws and will continue to look for ways to govern the club fairly and equitably. President Pete Wene will submit his ideas to the board for consideration and will then make a presentation to the entire club for their discussion.

Vice President Paul Leeper has accepted the responsibility of scheduling net control to club members for the 10 meter Monday evening net as well as the Tuesday evening net on the VHF and UHF machines.

The chair of the technical committee Albert Lioen made his report to the club which is attached to these minutes and are a part of said minutes.

At the conclusion of his report Webster James made a motion that was seconded by Paul Leeper to keep the repeaters linked. The motion passed unanimously.

Webster James made a motion to use the K4CYP call sign for both repeaters and to maintain the W4GOL call sign for club use during special events. The motion passed unanimously. Pete Wene will contact SERA to make the change with to repeater coordination.

A motion was made to participate in "Field Day" on the last weekend in June. Motion made by Carl Dever and seconded by George Peacock. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Webster James and seconded by Carl Dever to support any and all efforts of Dave Price in sharing HAM Radio with the Boy Scouts. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Carl Dever and seconded by Ray Lane to begin using the ARRL produced membership application for all Amateur Radio Licensees who would like to join the club. The motion passed unanimously.

The board passed a motion to have a business meeting with program on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The motion was made by Ray Lane and seconded by Paul Leeper. The program will be presented by Ray Lane on the use of Echo-link.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 730pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Webster James KI4FOR  
Secretary  
WCARA

## Technical Committee Chairman's Report.

In addition to the above changes to the repeater and the use of call signs the committee wishes to report that the collecting of the documentation in support of both repeaters has made significant progress. The committee is still in the process of identifying subassemblies in order to search for the documentation.

Albert is has made significant progress in tracing out how each of the repeaters is wired together and putting the wiring diagram in a full size CAD drawing. At some point all drawings and information will be posted on the WCARA web page.

A discussion was held with respect to the MLS Link radio donated by GARC. Now that Craven Malpass has identified the problem it may be more costly to repair the radio than to replace it. Pete Wene is looking into a replacement radio and use the malfunctioning one as spare parts.

Additionally, a discussion was held with respect to "positive control" over the UHF repeater. It has appears that we may need to invest in a 220 MHz radio to be in total compliance with Part 97. We do meet the minimal criteria of powering down the repeater with in the 3 hour window. The committee will look into this and report back to the board and general membership in the near future.

The committee intends to bring the VHF repeater down for a spring cleaning. It is full of mill dust and needs a good going over and re-sealing. The date and time is to be determined.

Albert is going to provide the information necessary to Carl Dever so we can have the UHF repeater added to the ARRL insurance policy.