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April 2004

Next Meeting:

General Membership Meeting
Monday April 19th 7:00PM
Little Chute Civic Center

Executive Board
Monday April 26th 7:00PM
Little Chute Civic Center

Please feel welcome to join us!



Next testing date: April 17, & May 15th 2004
2004 / 2005 FCARC Amateur Radio Testing
Sessions dates can be found at the FCARC web
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Membership Renewal Corner

(Also available on the web site)

If your call sign is below, your Membership is up for renewal!

March
WD9FLJ
KC9DJQ

April
K9USN
N9OEQ
N9VVB
WB9ZNA
KB9RLF

May
KA9JOL
Mary Jo J.
KB9TLM
KC9AFA
KC9DEF
N9TNW
W9OVK



Club Member Attendance

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS
Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH
Andy Palm	N1KSN
Darlene Hengels	KB9JGW
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Maury Mead	W9FBC
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Bob Braun	K9OSH
John Marker	WA8HBE
Karen long	KC9BMH
Dave Wall	KB9WAF
Eric Bjorkquist	KG8RF

Please welcome our new Secretary/Newsletter Editor to the Executive Board of Directors: Bernie Hengels N9YMC was appointed by unanimous decision to fulfill this position on Monday March 22nd. Bernie N9YMC will start with the production of May's newsletter.

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (W9ZL)

Invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at

7:30 PM on 146.760/R 100hz PL

to hear the Newslines broadcast.

Then stick around to check into the net immediately afterwards.

This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed, to include conversations on net, technical questions, equipment review and for sale items.

Help me run out of room here!

Welcome new members !

Charles Clark KC9FSJ
Bill Niemuth KB9ENO

Board Member Attendance:

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS
Rick Kosiorek	W9RIC
Karen Long	KC9BMH
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH

Guest

Judy Kosiorek	N9JLQ
Darlene Hengels	KB9JGW
Berine Hengels	N9YMC

Elmer's Contact List

This is a listing of HAMS who are willing to help other HAMS out in special areas. Feel free to contact these fellow HAMS with any questions.

<u>CALL/NAME</u>	<u>SPECIALITY AREA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
W9OVK~ Don	CW	725-2524
W9ZC~ Bob	Tech. Code	725-7974
N9OEQ~ Chuck	HF & VHF Digital Modes	788-5497
N9TNW~ Bill	HF & Satellite	739-6827
N9LVS~Dan	FCC Personal Data Changes	205-4899

If you would like to be included on this list, contact any board member

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc. General Membership meeting
MINUTES for March 15th, 2004

Board of Directors FCARC

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: John, AB9AH; Treasurer: Karen, KC9BMH
Secretary: Dominic KF6CHG; Membership Coordinator: Dan, N9LVS
Members at Large: Steve, N9SGG; Bill, N9TNW; Rick W9RIC

Quorum count: Vice-President: John, AB9AH

Call to Order: 7: 10 PM

Introduction of Members: Roll Call!!

Minutes: Approval of the minutes from: February 16th, 2003 as published and/or corrected in the QSO'er.
(Motion to accept) **Chuck N9OEQ** (Second) **Dan N9LVS** (discussion) (Vote: **P**)

Old Business:

- A.) The annual Awards Banquet will be held at Darboy Supper Club in 2005 or another suitable location.
- B.) We need you to sign up early for the Brat Fry on Friday March 27th if you can help.
- C.) Please sign up for the Wednesday night net, we need operators for this event to continue.
- D.) T-shirts and related items are here and need to be paid for; you can pick up your articles tonight.

Discussion: Old Business:

New Business:

Nomination's for Executive Office:

Vice President:

Darlen Hengels KB9JGW Accepted
Jon Oldenburg AB9AH Accepted
Dan Vanevenhoven N9LVS Declined

Treasurer:

Karen Long KC9BMH Accepted

Member at Large:

Bill Vincent N9TNW Accepted
Rick Kosiorek W9RIC Accepted
Steve Lamers N9SGG Accepted
Erick Jensen KB9TLM Accepted

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn) **Brian KB9LRD** (2nd) **Karen KC9BMH** (V: M) **PASS**

The FCARC will be holding Technician Class study group on March 27 to April 20, 2004 at the Appleton Curling Club 307 N. Westhill Blvd. Appleton, WI. 54914. Doors open at 0730. Cost will be: \$25.00 (\$10.00 Course book + \$12.00 Test fee + \$3.00 coffee snacks). Our Instructors will be Stephan Williams KB9RLF email kb9rlf@arrl.net. For information as a volunteer instructors, please call Brian KB9LRD phone 920-730-8485 or email kb9lrd@tponet.com.

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club
Executive Board
MINUTES for March 22nd, 2004

Board of Directors FCARC

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Secretary: Dominic KF6HCG Membership Coordinator: Dan N9LVS
Members at Large: Rick W9RIC; Bill, N9TNW; Steve, N9SGG

Call to Order: 7: 05 PM

Minutes: Approval of the Executive Board minutes from: February 23rd, 2003
(Motion to accept) Brian KB9LRD (Second) Dan N9LVS (Vote: M) PASS

Old Business:

A.) Approving expense for black ink for KB9LRD's printer and a receipt booklet.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd Dan N9LVS (Dis.)(M. end Dis.) Brian KB9LRD(2nd) Dan N9LVS (Vote:P/F)

B.) Judy Kosiorek N9JLQ has been nominated for Chairperson for the JDRF committee.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd Steve N9SGG (Dis.)(M.end Dis.) Brian KB9LRD(2nd) Rick W9RIC (Vote:P/F)

C.) 2005 Wisconsin QSO Party, any ideas to improve.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd Rick W9RIC (Dis.) (M. end Dis.) Brian KB9LRD (2nd) Dan N9LVS (Vote:P/F)

D.) FCARC technician classes to be held in the spring and fall.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd Rick W9RIC (Discussion)(M. to end Dis.) Brian KB9LRD(2nd) Rick W9RIC (Vote:P/F)

E.) Web site and non members, can they post things like items 4 sale?

Discussion result: Members only, if a business, member must also be an advertising sponsor.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd Karen KC9BMH (Dis.)(M. to end Dis.) Brian KB9LRD(2nd) Jon AB9AH (Vote:P/F)

Discussion Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A.) Bernie Hengels N9YMS has been nominated to fulfill the unexpired term of Secretary/Newsletter Editor for the 2003/2004 term.

Motion by: Brian KB9LRD 2nd _____ (Discussion)(Motion to end Discussion)(2nd) _____ (Vote:P/F)

Adjourn: Accepting a motion to adjourn. Steve N9SGG 2nd Karen KC9BMH (Vote: P/F)

“Ham of the Year” Andy Palm N1KSN”



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May 15th 2004 at Riverside Park, Neenah.



Hamvention® 2004 "Year of the Contact"

Celebrating their 53rd show, **May 14 - 16, 2004**, Hamvention® is the world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show. <http://www.hamvention.org/>

The Bozo's bus will be heading to this years "Hamvention®", for more information and or reservations for the bus, please call Mark Michel W9OP (920)-722-4034 or email to: w9op@athenet.net



April 18th 2004 at Appleton East High School



"Communityfest 2004" July 04th Neenah Riverside Park"



Race Date: September 26, 2004

The 2004 Madison Hamfest & Computer Fair, Sunday April 18, 2004 8:00am until 1:00pm



INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND 2004.

This highly popular annual August event attracts hundreds of amateur radio stations at lighthouses and lightships (369 in 48 countries for the 2003 weekend .) It is organised by Mike, GM4SUC, and Kevin, VK2CE is the web-master. This year the period of the event is from 0001 UTC on Saturday 21 August until 2359 UTC on Sunday 22 August 2004.

The event is NOT a contest. It is a special event weekend when amateur radio stations are established at lighthouses or lightships, they do not have to be adjacent to salt water, and each group decides how it will operate the station with regard to modes and bands. Participants are not committed to being on the air during the entire period - operate as much as you can. There are no restrictions on aerials or power. We wish operators to enjoy themselves and have fun while making contact with as many stations as possible whilst giving priority to other lighthouse/lightship stations. Please take some time to work the slow operator, the newly licensed and QRP stations.

As available space in many lighthouses is filled to capacity, participation in this activity does not have to take place inside the tower itself. Field day type set-up at the light or other buildings next to the light or adjacent field is OK. Permission MUST be obtained from any interested parties.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend is used to obtain maximum exposure for our hobby. We invite the press and, QTH permitting, also the public and try to underline the parallel between the international aspects in lighthouses, lightships, and amateur radio. As from last year, the World Lighthouse Day is held on the Sunday of the event and lighthouse keepers/managers/caretakers all around the world open their lighthouses to the public. <http://www.lighthouse.fsnet.co.uk/events/intlighthouseday.html>

We use the event segment of the 5 Classic bands, consider the following as a range of suggested frequencies.



CW
80m: 3.510 - 3.540 kHz; 40m: 7.005 - 7.035 kHz; 20m: 14.010 - 14.040 kHz; 15m: 21.010 - 21.040 kHz;
10m: 28.010 - 28.040 kHz

PHONE
*80m: 3.650 - 3.750 kHz; *40m: 7.040 - 7.100 kHz; 20m: 14.150 - 14.290 kHz; 15m: 21.150 - 21.250 kHz; 10m: 28.300 - 28.400 kHz

* Some of the frequency ranges listed above are NOT legal in the United States of America. As a substitute, USA operators should consider these alternatives.

USA PHONE
80m: 3.950 - 3.990 kHz; 40m: 7.250 - 7.290 kHz

However because the ILLW is NOT a contest, you can operate on any authorized QRGs as per your license, including the WARC bands. Please be sure to observe band limits for your class of license and your country.

To assist other stations in the identification of lighthouse/lightship stations, we request that participating stations using CW add LS after their callsign at a lightship and LT at a lighthouse. SSB and other modes should use LIGHT, LGT, LIGHTHOUSE or LIGHTSHIP after their call. UK stations normally obtain a GB

callsign with the letter L in the suffix and USA stations can request a Special Event callsign from the ARRL.

A list of the lighthouses/lightships of the world, currently 10,624 in 208 DXCC countries, with their Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS) Number can be found at <http://arlhs.com/awards/arlhs-numbers.html>. The list is constantly being updated and added to as more data becomes available. You can help: If you see a correction or any additions that need to be made, please send an e-mail with the information to K2JXW@arrl.net

If you decide to join us, please register on-line at <http://illw.net/index.html> with details of your name, callsign to be used, lighthouse/lightship, Country, qsl route etc. Although registration is not compulsory, doing so enables us to maintain a detailed list of participants at <http://illw.net/2004.htm> showing QSL address, web site and any special event calls they may be using. E-mail addresses will be modified with unicode to minimize harvesting by spammers.

So come and join us in the fun of the weekend, already 61 stations have confirmed their participation, establish a station at a lighthouse, lightship or maritime beacon. If you are unable to find a lighthouse/ship you can still join in the fun by contacting the special lighthouse/ship stations. The more the merrier.

73 Mike GM4SUC
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By-Law changes for 2004
Additions are in RED, deletions are in GREEN

Introduction:

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club was established on October 21, 1985. The Neenah-Menasha Amateur Radio Club membership voted on this date to CHANGE THE NAME of the club and to revise the BY-LAWS to better represent the Amateur Radio Community of this local area. A copy of the By-laws shall be **made** available to all FCARC members upon their request, within a reasonable time period. A master copy of the approved By-laws shall be archived **and retained by the club Vice-President according to Article V: section 2**, on a non-alterable and portable storage medium. This file shall then be used to generate duplicate copies. **On November 26th 2003 the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club became incorporated.**

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 2: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: **THE NON LICENSED EQUIVALENT OF FULL MEMBERSHIP.** ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP SHALL HAVE ALL OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VOTING. THIS CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP IS MEANT TO ENCOURAGE THE INVOLVEMENT OF NON LICENSED PERSONS IN CLUB ACTIVITIES.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: IS GRANTED ONLY BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP. **IF LICENSED, SHALL HAVE FULL VOTING PRIVILEGES.**

THIS PERSON WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE QSO'er IN GIVEN OF RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE **FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE AT THE SAME ADDRESS, ON BEHALF** OF THE FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S EFFORT TO **ENCOURAGE** FAMILY INVOLVEMENT. IF LICENSED, THE FAMILY MEMBER SHALL HAVE FULL VOTING PRIVILEGES.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETINGS. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE HELD THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, AT A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DATE AND LOCATION MAY BE CHANGED BY **A 2/3 VOTE OF** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP. THE REGULAR MEETINGS AND/OR CHANGES SHALL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE CLUB NEWSLETTER.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR **BY A 2/3 VOTE OF** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL ALWAYS BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF TEN MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ENTITLED TO VOTE AT SUCH SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 4: QUORUM. AT ANY **AND ALL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,** 25 PERCENT OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. WHENEVER A QUORUM IS NOT PRESENT, THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER PRESIDING OFFICER MAY ADJOURN THE MEETING TO A FUTURE DATE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE. A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES ENTITLED TO BE CAST BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ADOPTION OF ANY MATTER VOTED UPON BY THE MEMBERS.

SECTION 5: IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CLUB'S PURPOSE, THE DON BAKER MEMORIAL (HAM OF THE YEAR) AWARD SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET. AT THE DECEMBER'S MEETING, NOMINATIONS OF CLUB MEMBERS FOR THIS AWARD SHALL BE ACCEPTED. SELECTION OF THE RECIPIENT SHALL BE MADE BY A COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE CURRENT HAM OF THE YEAR POLLING OF PREVIOUS HAM OF THE YEAR WINNERS AND ONE OTHER PERSON (ALL MUST BE CLUB MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING) SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF THE CURRENT HAM OF THE YEAR IS

UNABLE TO CHAIR THIS COMMITTEE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL APPOINT BY A 2/3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, A CHAIRPERSON TO FULLFILL THESE REQUIRMENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS HAM OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS. **NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE A VALID REASON FOR THE NOMINATION.**

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 5: **POWERS BY-LAW REVISIONS.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE **POWER RIGHT TO SUGGEST CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE.** BY-LAWS MAY BE ADOPTED, AMMENDED OR REPEALED ONLY BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT A CLUB MEETING. SEE ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 (QUORUM).

ARTICLE IV DUES

SECTION 1: DUES. REGULAR ANNUAL DUES OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 PER YEAR - LICENSED MEMBER
(ONE REQUIRED PER FAMILY)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 PER YEAR
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: NO CHARGE AND ALL PRIVILEGES
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 PER YEAR FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER
RESIDING AT THE SAME ADDRESS
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 PER YEAR (FULL TIME STUDENT)
RETIRED MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 PER YEAR

DUES SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES. DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE MONTH OF INITIAL MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR. NONPAYMENT OF DUES **AFTER DUE DATE AND GRACE PERIOD HAVE EXPIRED** OR ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **WITH A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE.** RENEWAL REMINDERS ARE NOT PROVIDED.

SECTION 4: GRACE PERIOD. GRACE PERIOD FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES SHALL NOT EXCEED 2 (TWO) MONTHS PAST THEIR ANNIVERSARY DATE

ARTICLE V OFFICERS / CHAIRPERSONS

SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR. **THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT LISTING OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. HE OR SHE SHALL DISTRIBUTE AND RECEIVE ALL OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. HE OR SHE WILL PROVIDE THE CLUB SECRETARY WITH A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CLUB NEWSLETTER AT LEAST EVERY OTHER MONTH. HE OR SHE WILL PROVIDE THE TREASURER WITH AN ACCURATE AND UPDATED LIST OF THE MEMBERSHIP (MONTHLY) IN AN EFFORT TO AID THE TREASURER IN HIS OR HER DUTIES. HE OR SHE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP TO THIS CLUB.**

CLOSING:

BY-LAWS: FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
BY-LAWS (FCARC) REVISION MAY 2004

Other minor changes have been made to correct spelling and grammar. After each Executive Board vote we added that a 2/3 majority was needed to pass a vote during an Executive Board meeting. This was listed about 6 times throughout the By-Laws, I felt no need to print all the extra sections. If you would like a complete version of all the changes please feel free to contact me or check the web site for a downloadable PDF file .

Thank you,

The By-Laws committee
Brian KB9LRD, Rick W9RIC, Erick KB9TLM, Dan N9LVS



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Time has come to pass the baton for the news letter. I've enjoyed producing the QSO'er for the last 4 months. The actual production of the newsletter over a period of time has given me insight as how the QSO'er is produced and distributed. I'm looking forward to working with our new Secretary/Newsletter Editor Bernie Hengels N9YMC. Bernie N9YMC and I have gone over most of the details in the last few weeks. If you are interested and have the time to help Bernie N9YMC with a portion of the production process, please feel free to contact Bernie N9YMC or myself.

Give Bernie N9YMC the thumbs-up next time you see him and let him know we appreciate his effort.

73..de Brian J. Long KB9LRD President, Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

