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Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. – February 2003
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Meeting Notice

The February Meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2003. The program will be presented at 1900 with the meeting to follow. The program this month will be a presentation on the Winona Dive Rescue Team by Russ Marsolek, NØQK. The business meeting will follow the program at 1945 to 2000. Coffee and Social start after the business meeting.

Winona Amateur Radio Club - February 20th, 2003

By: Thomas E. Mauszycki

Welcome to the first meeting of the **Winona Amateur Radio Club** for the calendar year 2003.

The very first change in our meeting procedure will occur this Thursday evening. Our program committee chairman as well as our Vice President, Paul Schumacher, will introduce the program and the speaker at 7:00 P.M. Thus, the audience should quietly and politely take their seats prior to this time.

At 8:00 P.M., the regular monthly membership meeting will commence. I am including the notes that I took in addition to the adopted presentation of the Budget Committee. It is imperative that you read the entire document in order to fully comprehend the objectives for the upcoming year.

The treasurer requests the memberships dues for the current calendar year are due and payable this evening. It will assist the Budget Committee in achieving the goals that have been set.

And finally, I have sent cards of deep appreciation to Susan Brown and Delores Spittler on behalf of the entire membership for the years of faithful service as co-chairwomen of the Social Committee. The Holiday Party is one of the social highlights of the year; and, it was always a success. Now that the two executives have retired, we may or may not see them next Holiday Season as they could be enjoying a winter solace in the tropics.

Remember, come to our regular meeting site prior to the 7:00 P.M. program as a courtesy to our speaker.

Budget Committee - Winona Amateur Radio Club

January 6th, 2003

By: Thomas Mauszycki

The Budget Committee met in an informal session on January 6th, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the main dining room of Burger King Restaurant located in Winona, Minnesota.

Present: **Thomas Wilmot - Committee Chairman**
Walt Kelly
Richard Kolter - Treasurer
Kenneth Spittler - NØNUO@arrl.net
Thomas Mauszycki - President

Proposed Operating Budget for the calendar year 2003
Current Assets

Checking Account Balance	\$1,632.67
Accounts Receivable	
Amateur Radio Club Dues	
Payable in 2003 - Approx.	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Current Assets	+\$2,832.67

Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	
Net Income or Loss	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	+\$ 0.00

Profit/Loss Statement for the calendar year 2003**Annual Recurring Expenditures**

Equipment	\$150.00 *
Repeater Association Dues	
Packet Tower Rent	
Repeater Tower Rent	
Executive Committee	350.00
Memorial(s)	
Non Allotted Expenditures	
Or Emergencies	
Insurance	500.00 **
Membership Activities	
Christmas Party	100.00
Field Day	150.00
Postage	150.00
Hamgram	
QSL Cards	
Subtotal	<u>-\$1,400.00</u>
Non - Annual Recurring Expenditures	
Packet Committee	0.00 *
Long Range Planning	
Repeater Committee	\$350.00
Long Range Planning	
Subtotal	<u>- 350.00</u>
Total Expenditures	- \$1,750.00

Total Current Assets + Total Current Liabilitiesminus **Total Expenditures****\$1,082.67**

Points of Discussion and Resolution

Comments made during the meeting of the Budget Committee as they pertained to the development of the fiscal budget for the calendar year 2003.

The Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the Constitution are available in a PDF at jarviscomputer.com/warc.

The Winona Area Amateur Radio Club is a non profit organization with regulations and rules as defined in the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. At this moment,

- 1) it is unknown as to the location of the documents pertaining the annual filing with the Internal Revenue Service and
- 2) it is unknown if the necessary documents have been filed for the calendar year 2002 and for the prior years.

** **Insurance Policy** - where is the policy as well as the current coverage and limits for the equipment and the liability?

* **Packet Committee:** The rental fee for the housing of the antenna, the storage cabinet (refrigerator) and the use of the electrical connection for the prior two years (2001 and 2002) is unknown. In the past, a fee of \$75.00 was incurred for the housing of the antenna, the storage cabinet (refrigerator) and the use of the electrical connection.

As of today, do the three items as mentioned in the prior paragraph exist at this location?

As of today, consult a member of the Packet Committee to determine the answers to the above questions and proceed to honor the obligation with Mr. Ronald Drazkowski - the owner of the Wisconsin site.

The question arose as to whether or not some of the equipment (3 MJF data radios and TNCs) that was listed was saleable if it is actually owned by Edward Crowell, M.D. or donated by Edward Crowell, M.D. to the Packet Group. Thus, who is the legal owner; and, this has to be determined prior to the sale or replacement of the stated sale of the selected items.

The Packet Committee shall develop and implement a plan in which monetary solicitation is sought for full or partial remuneration from a source other than the Winona Amateur Radio Club as it was felt at this moment that the benefit of the requested expenditures was very limited in scope as benefiting the members of this club. It was upheld that the merits of the requested expenditures served the public to a greater degree than the members of this amateur radio club.

The Packet Committee shall review their proposal and service to the amateur radio community and to the public in order to readdress the concerns of the Budget Committee. A specific time frame does not exist.

*** **Repeater Committee** (Specifically the 146.640 repeater). The object of maintaining this balance at the end of the current calendar year is that these monies could be directed for partial or full content, if so directed by the membership, towards the replacement of the major components of present 1985 equipment.

The Budget Committee seeks a redesign of the accounting methods and procedures in order that the proper categories for expenditures are developed along with the proper categories for the dedication of selected monies to the specific committees with their short and long term criteria outlined.

The financial records shall be reviewed quarterly by the present members of the Budget Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Bank balance 01-31-2003	\$1671.94
Petty Cash	21.66
<u>Outstanding check</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Balance	1643.60

Activity for the month was two checks issued for a total of \$92.59 and a deposit of \$160.00 from dues. Dues are now due.

Holiday Dinner

The Holiday Dinner was held on January 16th at Beier's Restaurant with 40-45 people in attendance. There were prizes for everyone. The Attendance Prize was won by Jean Boller---one of those nice, warm fleece blankets. Leone Mausecyzki presented a program on photography.

Delores, NØNUO

Letter to the Editor

By Russ Marsolek, NØQK

Feb. 5th, 2003 was a very tough day for me. WARC Ham (KBØVUP), who is also my son, shipped out for the east coast. And in less than 2 weeks his unit (a United States Marine Corps Mounted MP Reserve Unit) will be headed to "points unknown". As a father and as an American I am extremely proud of him. But as you can all imagine, I too am worried.

But there is more of a purpose to this editorial than to let you know how I feel about Richard. In the past I have looked at the membership of this radio club and of course, we have many veterans in it. Army, Air Force, Navy, and even a few Marines (but then it only takes a few good Marines!). It would be an interesting addition to the newsletter if some month it was listed which hams were in what branch of the service. Perhaps in November for Veterans Day! I'll venture a guess that there are more veterans than we all realize within the WARC.

We all have heard the saying that "freedom is not free". It certainly is not. And many veterans before now, and many more in the future will go off to a war to protect our freedoms. Including the freedom that we all share within the amateur radio hobby! Do you realize that there are still some counties where radios are "discouraged"? Especially radios that allow two-way communications with the "outside world"! A recent example; North Korea had a station (I emphasize "A" station) and he (P5/4L4FN) was "asked" to stop transmitting this past December.

So when you see a veteran, be sure to thank him or her for at least in a small part, for protecting your freedom of communications within this outstanding nation. Let us never take it for granted.

Mardi Gras

An open house

When: Saturday March 01, 2003

Time: From 1600-2000

**Where: Leslie and Jo Hittner (KØBAD)
1340 Conrad Drive
(Winona's Wincrest addition)**

We are moved in and we are being really optimistic in believing we will be ready to party by March first.

**Come join us for New Orleans cuisine,
Dixieland music and a lot of fun.**

Please RSVP by email and let me know how many will be joining you. We want to be sure we have enough food!

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Treats Schedule for 2003

Jan:	party	Jul:	Picnic
Feb:	KBØELR	Aug:	KCØMBL
Mar:	KAØMLO	Sep:	KCØMBT
Apr:	WBØEUU	Oct:	N9MFH
May:	WAØX	Nov:	WØMK
Jun:	KEØXI	Dec:	NØQK

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