

# WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

May 3rd, 2019, 1930 hrs

## OPENING

Call to Order	7:31PM
Opening Remarks/Announcements	Welcome to the meeting.
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Introductions of Members/Guests	N9HQ,KC9YFI,N9MWF,NJ9E,N9OA,KB9RCO,KB9FYL,KA9KDC, N0MO,WB9VRQ,KD9GLB,N9VDQ,KD9JSA,N9CBA,KD9MAM, KD9DJT,W9RAF,W7GW,KD9DJX,KD9MRT,KA3HSW,F,AJ9M

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	None
Approval	Approved

## OFFICER REPORTS

President (KB9RCO)	Looking forward to tonight's presentation. Welcome to John as vice-president.
Vice President (N9MWF)	Pending a projector tonight's presentation will be on the CSU. The CSU is in the parking lot for a walk through. June's presentation will be on FD.
Secretary (N9HQ)	An e-mail from Mark Spoo titled "RAB questions that need to be answered" was read into the record and recorded for these minutes. See below.
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Balances were given. All bill paid.
Property Custodian (N0MO)	Contact Mike if any member is going to any hamfests this summer. The club has equipment that could be sold.

## REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

RAB report (N9NYX)	The 220 machine has been repaired. It will be returned to operational status. Volunteers are needed for demolishing the shed at COD.
Questions & Answers	A question was raised by Mark Spoo why it took COD 18 years to contact us about demolishing the shed. He feels that it should be COD's responsibility for action.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Committee chairs are requested to keep reports brief and concise.*

*Please hold any and all questions for continuing business.*

HAMLETTER (open)	None
Website (open)	None
Public Relations (open)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	Our outgoing VP Mark Spoo has graciously stated that he does not want a plaque. Jim Ward will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award and voted in a life member at June's meeting.
Public Service/Emergency (N0MO)	Special Olympics is this Sunday. Tim will be NCO. Mike will be sending an email out regarding the Wheaton 4 <sup>th</sup> of July event. The Chicago Marathon is coming up.
CSU (N9MWF)	This past weekend the CSU was unwinterized. A new cover will be needed for next year. Roof maintenance is needed. The taillights are about 80% non-functional. The light fixtures are being replaced to LED. The roof seals need to be worked on. Preventive maintenance has been done.
Interference (N9VDQ)	None
Training (NJ9E)	Dale is personally tutoring two students. He is searching for a room to teach further classes.
VE team (KC9YFI)	Tim Metzger passed his General test this evening. A testing schedule is being



like the board to bring up at the next regularly scheduled WCRA meeting.

My concerns are as follows?

1. What is the status of any new sites with the potential of losing the 31 site if Carol moves? Has the RAB been investigating potential sites?
2. What is the status of repairs of the 39 repeater. It has not worked in over 2 years and being able to kerchunk it from the airport DOES NOT mean it works. This repeater will NOT pass traffic either analog or digital.
3. What is the status of the 220 repeater. I know that Roberto gave it to the RAB and then I learned that it somehow became inoperable. Is this repeater going to be fixed? There has been requests on social media of the status of the 220 machine.
4. What is the status of my request when I was vice president on adding WiresX to at least one repeater. What needs to be done, what does the club have and what does the club need to provide for this to happen?
5. Has the RAB met as specified in the bylaws quarterly and have they submitted minutes of those meetings?
- 6 What is the RAB's plan for the old shed at COD?
7. What is the RAB's plan on preventative maintenance and firmware updates on all of the repeaters.
8. How come a member of the RAB has not attended the Illinois Repeater Board meeting in Peoria over the last 5 years that I know of. The last RAB member to attend a meeting was Rich N9DKO when he was on the RAB 5 years ago.
9. What is the RAB's back up plan if one or more repeaters becomes inoperable?

I would like these questions asked and entered into the minutes of the next meeting.

Also note the board appoints the RAB and the Repeater trustee indirectly. I feel strongly that there needs to be a total overhaul of the RAB and the Repeater trustee in order to get some of this work accomplished.

Respectfully

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**NEW BUSINESS**

	None

## CLOSING

<b>Anchors</b>	None
<b>Announcements</b>	None
<b>Guest Comments</b>	None
<b>Member Comments</b>	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:14pm