

# Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group Inc.

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October 30, 2023

## ***Annual General Meeting minutes - WDRG***

The meeting was held at the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club at 598 St. Mary's Road. A quorum was met as we had the following persons in attendance:

Calvin Winter – President, Rob Boux – Secretary, Derek Hay – Treasurer, Dan Kiezer – Membership, Mark Blumm – WDRG Member, William Franzin, Greg Mayberry, and Les Bester, Missing was Garth Blumm – Vice-President,

Meeting was brought to order by the President @ approximately 19:05 hrs.

Minutes from the Board of Directors meetings and previous AGM minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

- 23 April 2023
- 08 June 2023
- AGM minutes August 9, 2021

As the April 23, 2023, and June 08, 2023, minutes were from a WDRG board of directors meeting the President asked if there were any errors or omissions and hearing none made a motion to accept the minutes of the 23 April and 08 June 2023, Mark Blumm, seconded the motion, all members approved. The AGM minutes dated August 8, 2021, were also distributed to all members prior to the meeting and the President asked the members if there were any errors or omissions and on hearing none made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by the Treasurer, all members approved.

**Financial report** by the Treasurer was provided and a discussion took place that WDRG will set up a \$200.00 self-insurance fund for 2023 and 2024 year. A motion was made by the President to accept these additions and seconded by the Secretary; all members approved.

**Budget** the President mentioned that the only items that are budgeted now is the club's RAC Insurance and the club's annual return.

**Current issues** – Motion for the WAN group to merge with MRS, as the motion had previously been made and seconded at the WDRG board of directors meeting on June 8, 2023. The WDRG members voted unanimously in favor of the WAN group merging with MRS.

**Year end** – The President provided a summary of the following:

- The dStar repeater had the antenna mounting bolts come loose and were fixed. The gateway computer is being worked on by William – VE4VR.

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- The VE4DMR repeater has been moved to 55 Nassau Street due power and internet issues at the Osborne site. All DMR repeaters are now Hytera models, and we have the Motorola 8400 as a back up repeater.
- On November 2, 2022, our club sold one of our Motorola 8400 repeaters to the Brandon Radio Club and we helped with the installation.
- On or around December 23, 2022, the VE4DMR repeater suffered a catastrophic failure due to a power spike of some nature and damaged the elevator circuits and other major systems at 601 Osborne Street. Our backup DMR repeater was installed and shortly after the installation we found out that certain brands of radios do not work with the Motorola repeater. We can only determine that this is because DMR is originally a commercial system, and since the Motorola repeater is a commercial repeater, we believe the build quality/tolerances of the cheaper radios do not match with the quality of the commercial Motorola repeater. The cost to repair the Motorola repeater was \$576.80 and **thanks to the WAN group** for helping with the cost.

## **Committee Reports – Dan Kiezer**

- Provided an update on our membership and mentioned that our group membership is down from last year.

## **Unfinished Business – The President**

- asked about the MMDVM project and William VE4VR mentioned that he is working on part on it and asked if the group thought of setting up the backup DMR repeater and using it rather than having it sit somewhere not used. Discussion took place on various scenarios, locations etc. Rob brought up about setting up a Fusion (C4FM) repeater and setting it up to talk with Brandmeister network so that we can talk across the systems. It was mentioned to possibly selling the Motorola 8400 and buy Hytera repeaters. William asked what is being done with the MMDVM/Pie project as he has some radios and put together a mobile repeater for all modes and put it at 601 Osborne St.

Further work on the project is possible in the new year.

- Moving the 1.2 GHz data module to U of M and William mentioned that there was nothing happening there (U of M) as it's been over a year and no approval processes done. Lots of good discussion where to locate elsewhere or leave it. It was decided to leave it in place and connect it up for use in the future.

## **New Business – President**

- The President asked if the club wants to set up electronic bank transfers for membership payment and all members were in favour.

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## Elections – President

- The nomination committee chair provided its report to the members indicating that the following names were received and interested in being on the WDRG board of directors.

Rob Boux	Mark Blumm
Garth Blumm	Calvin Winter
Derek Hay	

- The nomination committee chair verified that the members met the requirements of paragraph 117(1)(a) & (b) along with paragraph (2) of the Corporations Act of Manitoba.
- The following members meet the eligibility requirements and were nominated.

Rob Boux	Mark Blumm
Garth Blumm	Calvin Winter

- Derek was not nominated as he did not meet the eligibility requirements of paragraph 117(1)(a)<sup>1</sup> & (b)<sup>2</sup> along with paragraph (2)<sup>3</sup> of the Corporations Act of Manitoba.
- Derek asked how he did not meet the requirements and was told by the Nomination Committee chair that because of what he had done with the leases for 601 Osborne, 60 Chesterfield Road, 529 Country Club Road, 215 Eaton Street. He had also signed lease agreements for Neepawa, Minnedosa, Brandon, Dauphin, and Souris as the Vice President<sup>4</sup> and the President had signed. Further explanations mentioned that the Secretary must sign all deeds and contracts. Derek had solely signed the other lease agreements when he had no authority to sign them **by himself**. Derek has also

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<sup>1</sup> Every director and officer of a corporation in exercising his powers and discharging his duties shall (a) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the corporation; and (b).

<sup>2</sup> (b) exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

<sup>3</sup> Every director and officer of a corporation shall comply with this Act and the regulations, the articles and by-laws, and any unanimous shareholder agreement.

<sup>4</sup> The WDRG bylaws require the President **or** Vice President **AND** the Secretary to sign all deeds and contracts. In the absence or inability of the President, his or her duties shall be assumed by the Vice-President or other designated director. You cannot have the Vice-President signing along with the President as the Vice-President has no responsibilities and our bylaws require one of the signatures be the Secretary for all deeds and contracts.

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sent threatening emails<sup>5</sup> to the President and the WDRG board of directors. (this was stated in an email sent to Derek, October 10, 2023)

- Also, Derek was told that he gave the WDRG board of directors a letter at our June 8, 2023, meeting that the WAN group had acquired these housing sites and installed their equipment.

As the nomination committee received four (4) members names for the board of directors there was no need for a vote. (The board of directors will meet later to decide the positions of the board of directors).

The meeting was adjourned on or about 20:10pm

Calvin Winter – President  
Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group

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<sup>5</sup> Dated May 5, 2023, that stated in part...I see the digital data pulling their support to Digital voice and partnering with another group who supports amateur radio as a group. This will result in no networking on Dstar or DMA associated with WDR. There are a few more emails as well.