W-C ARES

Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS – AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS

Meeting Attendees:

Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG); Carol Young (W9PIO); Carl Young (N9NAV); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Al Caldiero (KD9YBU); Dave Wedde (W9VOF); Dan Bekeris (AC9JA); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC); Brian Becker (N9BGB); and Joel Brophy (visitor).

Meeting began at 6:05 pm

I. Dave Chroninger welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all present introduce themselves.
II. Dave reminded all attendees about meeting etiquette of one conversation at a time.
III. Dave started with old business:
    i. Dave Wedde and Dave Chroninger mentioned the hospital and EOC laptops are up-to-date, but the laptop at King Veterans Home needs to be replaced due to age and operating capabilities.
    ii. Dave Wedde mentioned he has one student from the technician class ready to take the exam (Joel Brophy) and another student that still needs more learning.
    iii. Dave Wedde asked attendees for a hand show of who would be willing to help insulate the trailer. A short discussion about insulating the trailer included the following:
        i. Insulating the ceiling with gluing Styrofoam to the ceiling only and then putting up the milk board.
        ii. How long the anticipated project would take and if it would be done by time of Field Day 2024.
        iii. Condensation causes/solutions. Heating/cooling options.
        iv. Dave Chroninger suggested the trailer insulation project be tabled to a future meeting when Chuck can be present in person.
    iv. ICS 100 and 700 certifications need to be done asap for members who have not completed them. Dave has updated the roster and made indications next to members who need to supply him with copies of certifications or storm spotting certifications.
IV. New Business
    i. Carol mentioned that ICS certification and links are on the Waupaca County ARES website under the training tab as well as the new 2024 Green Bay NWS Skywarn Spotter Talk links . Anyone needing to complete Skywarn Certifications can view all the necessary information on the Training Page of the Waupaca County ARES website. The Skywarn talks are about 45 minutes long and are done via Go-To-Meeting Webinars from the comfort of your own home.
    ii. Chuck and Dave C. mentioned there will not be an Iola Bump and Jump Race this year.

    iii.   Carol mentioned the next Build Project Date is Saturday, April 13th, 2024, starting at 3 pm at Sabertooth Enterprises, Suite 202. Joe and Carl mentioned the project will be three band pass filters. Joe mentioned items needed that could be found at swapfests when members attend swapfests. A list will be posted in the near future on the website of those items.

    iv.   Carol mentioned that Clintonville City Administrator wants Carol to come and give a presentation to the Parks and Recreation manager, Airport Manager and City Administrator on what Field Day and Waupaca County ARES is about. The meeting is planned in Clintonville on Monday, March 18th.

    v.   Dave mentioned that the agenda lists upcoming swapfests for attendees to view. Carol mentioned that the Waupaca VFW hall will cost $150/day for a Waupaca County ARES/RACES Swapfest. Ideas to cover the expense included: charging vendors $15/table, charging admission, using Brat Fry proceeds from the Swapfest to cover some of the incurred rental costs. Carol suggested this be tabled to a future meeting.

V.   The next Waupaca County ARES meeting will be at the EOC and Andy Carlin and Steve Fenske will be teaching Damage Assessment.

VI.   Denny Rybicke (K9LGU) joined via Zoom to this month's meeting and gave a presentation on NTS (National Traffic System) Message Handling. Attendees were trained on how to take two NTS messages and one ICS-213 message. This Zoom presentation will be located on the Waupaca County ARES website under the training page and also on the Waupaca County ARES YouTube channel. A special "Thank You" to Denny for his informational presentation.

VII.   Meeting adjourned at about 7:30 pm