



# W-C ARES

## Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



### Meeting Attendees:

Chuck Fritz (AC9F); Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG); ; Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); ; Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Brian Becker (KD9VVO); Al Mallek (K9WVM); Leighton Trice (W9KL); Brady DeCamp (KD9YRC); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Steve Leitzke (KD9WYC); Dan Bekeris (AC9JA); Scott Zastoupil (KX9RT) and David Wedde (KD9VOF).

Meeting began shortly after 6 pm Chuck Fritz called the meeting to order.

Leighton Trice provided the treasurer's report: As of October 12, 2023 the balance in the account is \$2,318.68

### OLD Business:

- A. Chuck mentioned the upcoming Linked Dipole Antenna Build for October 14th. Carol Young added that there would be food provided at 5 pm prior to the build.
- B. Importance of members getting their ICS 100 and 700 certifications complete and sent to WB9GBG asap was discussed for anyone who has not completed their FEMA ICS 100 and 700 training.
- C. Dave (WB9GBG) announced that the Waupaca Triathlon event added \$846 .00 donation to the Waupaca County ARES account.
- D. SET After Action Report Discussion— members that participated in this year's Simulated Emergency Test (SET) were asked to comment on the successes and improvements for future years and for an after-action report that needs to be sent to K9STN. The members were asked to send KD9WRY their input by Monday, October 16th in order to get the report compiled and sent to AC9F to send to K9STN asap.

### NEW Business:

- A. Chuck asked who plans on going to the WI ARES/RACES Convention on November 4th in Wisconsin Rapids. He mentioned that anyone interested in purchasing WI ARES/RACES shirts or merchandise needs to purchase it before the October 11th deadline
- B. Chuck asked members for additional program ideas for upcoming 2024 meetings. Some of the suggestions included:
  - ◆ RT Systems Zoom Meeting
  - ◆ ICS Training 100 and 700
  - ◆ FT8 and APRS training
  - ◆ Tour of Waupaca's Radio/TV station
  - ◆ 3D Printer and Steel Boats that KD9TNY works on
  - ◆ Remote Airplanes & Drones



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- C. Chuck mentioned that for the Waupaca County ARES/RACES December Meeting, members need to bring a small gift (no more than \$10 value) for the Christmas Gift Exchange. Please wrap the gift but do not put who it is for or from as the gifts will be exchanged and swapped randomly.
- D. Chuck mentioned that the group needs one more laptop and a signal link for future activations/SETs. KA9EOK mentioned he purchased a Digi Rig for a substantial lower cost that works well. Chuck asked him to bring it to the next meeting so the group can decide whether to purchase the Digi Rig or Signal Link. The group will be purchasing another laptop from Best Buy. KD9USW will get the laptop for the group and submit the receipt for repayment of the laptop purchase. K9XRT offered a free old laptop he had to anyone present. WB9GBG took the laptop.
- E. Upcoming Events were read:
  - ◆ Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference is Saturday, November 4th in Wisconsin Rapids
  - ◆ FCARC Swap fest is Sunday, November 5th at Lucky Dogz Neenah Labor Temple, 157 S. Green Bay Rd, Neenah from 8 am to Noon. License testing will be available at the swap fest.
  - ◆ Chuck asked if anyone would be interested in making a trip to HRO to try equipment, browse, or purchase items on some upcoming Saturday. Some members were interested.
- F. Scott (KX9RT) gave a presentation on his KX9RT repeater that is located on Poverty Hill Rd East of Ogdensburg. The repeater is on a self-supporting 120' tower. Scott provided a very good presentation and understanding of the repeater and etiquette while using the repeater. His presentation will be publicized on the Waupaca County ARES/RACES Website and YouTube channel in the near future. The Waupaca County ARES/RACES made a motion by KD9WRY to purchase a needed backup power battery for the KX9RT repeater and KD9WYC seconded the motion. KD9USW also mentioned he had a battery that KX9RT could look at for the repeater power backup.
- G. K9WVM asked who decides where Field Day exercises are located? The Field Day Coordinator was Chuck's reply. The group voted on the 2024 Field Day location of Clintonville and all present agreed except for 1 member. Future Field Day Location ideas were asked to be suggested by the group to the Field Day Coordinator.
- H. A door prize drawing was won by KD9VVO.
- I. Chuck Fritz adjourned the meeting.