



# W-C ARES

## Waupaca-County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MEETING MINUTES

WHEN DISASTER CALLS - AMATEUR RADIO ANSWERS



### Meeting Attendees:

Dave Chroninger (WB9GBG); Dave Wedde (KD9VOF); Leighton Trice (W9KL); Al Caldiero/Cheryl Caldiero (KD9YBU); Dean Sommerfeld (KD9VLH); Bob Martin (KA9EOK); Brian Becker (KD9VVO); Al Mallek (K9WVM); Joe Walesewicz (KD9USW); Cody Lind (KD9QXL); Dan Bekeris (AC9JA); Carol Young (KD9WRY); Chuck Fritz (AC9F); William Lund (KD9TNY); Carl Young (KD9RMZ); and George Lampere (AB9CQ).

### Meeting began at 6 pm

- I. Chuck welcomed Cheryl Caldiero as a new guest to the meeting.
- II. Chuck reminded all attendees about meeting etiquette of one conversation at a time.
- III. Chuck started with old business:
  - i. Chuck is working on getting MOUs with Theda Clark Waupaca and King Veterans Home.
  - ii. Chuck asked members who would be willing to conduct updates to the laptop computers on a scheduled basis and keep logs of each update time/date.
    - i. Dave Wedde volunteered to update computers at TC Waupaca and King
    - ii. The EOC and trailer computers will be updated at the end of each monthly meeting.
- IV. Chuck asked Carol to provide a report on the 2024 Winter Field Day/Swapfest/Demonstrations. Carol presented a presentation and gave a report that \$120 raised from the food stand was being deposited into the Waupaca County ARES account for build project expenditures. Most of the comments received from Winter Field Day was it was awesome. It was mentioned that the trailer needs the following changes for future winter events:
  - i. Insulation due to the excessive amount of condensation.
    - i. White milkhouse board for trailer ceiling
    - ii. 1" Styrofoam
    - iii. Project will wait until Spring according to Chuck.
  - ii. Different heating system.
  - iii. Possible Equipment Racks for presentation and faster deployment----This idea was not accepted during the meeting.
  - iv. Awning for side door of trailer or rain gutters.
- V. Chuck mentioned that Equipment of the Waupaca County ARES is not to be used for personal use and only for amateur radio events/incidents.
- VI. Chuck expressed to all members that have not completed their ICS 100 and 700 certifications to get it done asap and submitted to WB9GBG.

## New Business:

- VII. Chuck asked Dave Wedde about the technician class. Dave Wedde is holding a technician Zoom class each Thursday evening at 8 pm for ten (10) weeks. They are currently on the second class tonight.
- VIII. Chuck asked members if they would want to start up VE testing again in Waupaca County and who would be willing to do the VE paperwork.
  - i. Dave Wedde volunteered to handle the paperwork as VEC
  - ii. Leighton Trice, Cody Lind, Bob Martin, Carl Young, Carol Young, Chuck Fritz, and George Lampere volunteered to be Volunteer Examiners. Of those who volunteered, Cody and Carol are General Class Licensees and the rest are Extra Class Licensees.
  - iii. It was discussed that when we do begin to start providing exam testing, we will do it quarterly.
- IX. Chuck mentioned that the Waupaca County ARES has an extra MFJ 35 amp power supply that they are looking to sell. WB9GBG mentioned it retails for \$199 online. Dave Wedde is interested. Chuck also mentioned the desktop computer is old and out of date if anyone wants it. Cody Lind took the desktop after the meeting.
- X. Chuck mentioned that the Waupaca County ARES EOC space is increasing and detailed the layout of the new space.
- XI. Chuck asked if Waupaca County ARES wants to have swapfests. Locations were suggested of Waupaca Rec Center, American Legion/VFW hall, or Iola Car Show grounds. Carol will gather more information about each location and bring it to the next meeting. Carol volunteered to coordinate the swapfests and Cody Lind offered to assist Carol as a coordinator.
- XII. Chuck mentioned that the FCC requirement is to end your transmission with your call sign. He suggested for Sunday Night Trainings, to listen to the WI ARES nets to get more training.
- XIII. Leighton Trice provided the Treasurer's report of the Waupaca County ARES balance as of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, is \$2,135.62.
- XIV. Bill Lund (KD9TNY) gave an excellent presentation on 3-D printing and how he builds Replic Model Ships. He had many ships with lots of detailed tanks and other pieces on them that he made with a 3-D printer. Interesting presentation.
- XV. Other items not on the agenda that were brought up included:
  - i. April Meeting topic will be "Damage Assessment" with Waupaca County Emergency Manager, Andy Carlin, and Steve Fenske, COML.
  - ii. National Weather Service Skywarn training was discussed. Dave Chroninger mentioned a chat app for the NWS. Go to: <https://www.weather.gov/news/072622-slack> Carol called the Green Bay NWS and the 2024 schedule will be available during the month of March with classes about the same as previous years being held in mid-late April.
- XVI. Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm