

02/05/2020 Cowlitz County ACS Meeting

President	Carl Gray	K7ECW
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Secretary	M. Rick Ouzts	WA7NWN
Treasurer	Ralph Roggenback	N2RJR
Trustee	Randy Greeley	NU7D

The meeting was called to order at 1900 and the president lead the pledge of allegiance.

VP Ray had car problems and was not able to attend the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer – Ralph reported that all outstanding checks have cleared the bank.

Old Business:

1. Meeting minutes for December are posed on the ACS webpage. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December minutes. The January 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the New year holiday.
2. Quarterly Equipment Maintenance around the building was done by Randy NU7D. He checked the Generator, LP Tank, Weather Station, APRS. Equipment checks were also done at: Rainier Repeater Site, Kalama River Gauge Site and Cowlitz County EOC. Randy was asked to make a list of things he checked for the ACS and was to be checked by the LCARA group.
3. Randy NU7D met with Mark from National Weather Service Portland, at the Hall of Justice to assist with access to the building and equipment checks.
4. Cowlitz County Public Works purchased a ZeroBase Energy Generator. Randy NU7D, in behalf of Cowlitz County Emergency Management attended a training on how to: Start, Stop and how put the generator into Long Storage Mode.
5. Butch AE7KJ and Randy NU7D attended the quarterly Region IV Interop Meeting in Vancouver. Items discussed at the meeting: This use of Groups.io as a platform for the Region IV email correspondence. – The repeaters commonly used in our four-county area for emergencies was sent to the State Section Manager. – HamWAN developments discussed and Clark County received notice of a grant approval for implementing parts of the plan. – VHF/UHF/DMR repeater sites in Region IV and how they might be useful to ARES/ACS/RACES was discussed.

New Business:

1. 02/08 – VE License Test Session at LCARA starting at 1000.
2. 02/08 – Quarterly UAS Meeting at LCARA starting at 1230.
3. 02/11 – LEPC Meeting at St John Hospital starting at 1500. County and State agencies meet with area industries to share training activities and emergency plans.
4. 02/12 – Cowlitz County SAR Council Meeting at Cowlitz County EOC starting at 1730.
5. 02/20 – WECCWG Meeting at Camp Murray starting at 0700 to 1630.
6. 02/29 – 5th Saturday Communications Exercise starting at 1000. The State EOC wants to receive messages by voice and digital data. The last couple exercises seemed to be more focused on digital data.

Team Projects:

1. River Gauges: The next checks are scheduled for 03/03. The Kalama gauge has been working very well this winter. The Lexington gauge needs maintenance! If it still operational, it probably could be used another location. Need to research building our own gauges.

2. ELT Practice: The next training is scheduled on 03/14.
3. Comm-Van: Ray KC7MRM and Jeff KB7PMO did the monthly checks on 02/03.
4. UAS Team: County Public Works Kalama, asked if the UAS Team could re-fly some of the slide area on Kalama River Rd possibly the week of the 02/10, weather permitting. – The Diking District has requested the UAS Team to fly approximately 10 miles of the Columbia River for them. – Continue the Obnoxious Weed Control missions in the Castle Rock area. Resume the normal and required training missions.
5. Webpages: Contact Wally WM7U if you have anything to add to the LCARA or ACS webpages.

Good of Order:

1. If you have taken any of the ICS Training, keep your certificates. You can make digital copies of them to keep on your cellphone or on a thumb drive to take with you in case you are volunteering out of the local area.
2. The Ham radios at St. John Hospital need to be checked. At the last comm exercise with St. John, the radios were not useable because the frequencies had been changed. Earl N3EG is going look at them on 02/11.
3. Ralph N2RJR asked about having the Comm-Van checked for any equipment/materials not being used, to be removed. This activity could coincide with activities taking place at LCARA.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 2000.
Attendance from sign-in list: 16.