



Cowlitz County Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Wednesday 4 October 2023

### Attendance

Anthony - KK7NTM	Butch - AE7KJ	Carolyn - KE7SGU	Connie - KB7AYY
Earl - N3EG	Jeff - KB7PMO	Jeff - KJ6ETR	Masen - KF7HVM
Ralph - N2RJR	Rick - WA7NWM	Rick - WA7RPM	Stan - KF7CVR

### Call to Order: 1901

### Officers Report

- *President:* Butch (AE7KJ) None
- *Vice Pres:* Rick (WA7NWN) None
- *Secretary:* Jeff (KJ6ETR) None
- *Treasurer:* Ralph (N2RJR) We have money. No current bills.
- *Trustee:* Butch (AE7KJ) Everything is going well on the repeaters.

### Old Business

September minutes: approved

Still looking defensive driving, first aid and CPR. County may have a new risk manager and get these issues straightened out.

New 147.26 antenna installation is on hold pending funding.

ELT equipment is old. Investigating new equipment with new features. Looking into funding because the new units are about \$2000.

Cowlitz River drone project: US Army Corp of Engineers, Cowlitz County, etc. requested the survey from the mouth of the Toutle River to the Columbia River. Lost one of the Mavics. Search still in progress. Finding access to the river is a problem.

We will be having in-house meetings only for now. Zoom will resume during inclement weather.

Comm Van check not done this month. Will try next week.

New Business

Drone team will attend Fire Dept Open House Oct 14 (Longview).

Next meeting is elections.

Next Wednesday (presentation night) Brian Rickman will be presenting ground radial usage.

Saturday, October 21, the Mercury Mountain/St Helens group will testing frequencies.

Saturday, October 21, Ralph will be teaching a radio merit badge class for Scouts.

For the Good of the Order

Jeff (KJ6ETR) came up with a 5th Saturday exercise 2 days after the Sept 5th Saturday. Next viable 5th Saturday is March 2024. Need ideas for other exercises. Maybe do a combined exercise with the Mercury Mountain/St Helens group and develop coordination. Along the same line, we need to make sure the hospital is set up with coordinating personnel and functional equipment.

Adjourned: 1941

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff (KJ6ETR)  
Secretary