

NWA EmComm Board Meeting

on Zoom

October 5, 2020

2000 Hours

Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Paul Blomgren

Bill Dean

Gregg Doty

John Henley Jr.

Mark Maddox

John Henley called the meeting to order at 2001. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was unanimous.

President's Report - John Henley Jr.

We have our 501(c)(3) status approved. The certification and Articles of Incorporation were emailed to Gregg Doty, who inquired as to the cost of the filing. Henley said he paid for it and did not want to be reimbursed, but Doty argued that a check would still need to be written to Henley for the filing so he could maintain a record of all expenditures. Henley agreed and said the cost was \$45. Henley said he would endorse the check and give it back to the organization. Work continues on the bylaws and Henley hopes to make significant progress on them this month.

Henley asked if anyone had any news about the Benton County Radio Operators Fox Hunt, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26. Paul Blomgren said he'd heard it was rescheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 10, but he had no confirmation as such. We are hoping it will be posted or an email notification from BCRO will be sent soon.

Vice President's Report - Bill Dean

Dean has spoken to the LDS Stake president and they are interested in partnering with us. This is an especially busy time for them, so we will likely need to wait for things to slow down a bit. Dean was going to send the stake president one each of our brochures and a business card. Dean said if and when we secure a meeting with the LDS High Council for this

area, he will need several more brochures and cards to ensure that every member has our literature before them before any meeting/presentation takes place.

Vice President's Report (Operations) - Paul Blomgren

Blomgren gave a recap of the September Ham in the Park. Net Control was conducted from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1101 McCollum Drive, Bentonville. There were nine participants and Blomgren put together a spreadsheet showing who did what and went where to give reports. The spreadsheet will be checked by Maddox and forwarded to Doty to be posted on the Web site.

Blomgren forwarded to the board an email from Jonathon George, NWA EmComm Group liaison to Benton County Emergency Operations Center. George met with Jennifer at the Benton County EOC. They are interested in George and Greg Young setting up the weather net, but George stated that Jennifer said county officials are too busy to engage in Action Plan items. George also stated Smith Two-Way Radio would be inspecting one of the antennas on the roof of the EOC to determine what would be needed to repair it. Blomgren stated this would not be the case because both antennas on the roof were destroyed and would need to be replaced. After some discussion Blomgren and Doty said they would meet again with George and would also reach out to EOC officials to clarify and discuss items such as the state of the antennas.

Blomgren said the next Ham in the Park event would be from 1300-1800 on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Metfield Park in Bella Vista. Blomgren said he would get the flyer to Maddox to proof, after which it would sent to Doty to be posted on the NWA EmComm Group Web site. Doty said any time we need him to post something on the web page, he prefers it be sent in a PDF, but he cautioned he cannot edit a PDF sent to him, so we will need to proof the document before submitting it to him. Maddox said any time a document is sent to him to proof, he will need the sender to be watching for his reply so they OK his edits and he can get it to Doty for posting.

Treasurer's Report - Gregg Doty

Doty reported NWA EmComm Group now has a bank account at First Security Bank. He spent \$70 on brochures, which leaves \$160 in the account. Checks have been printed and a debit card issued for the account, as well. It was decided Doty would give a treasurer's report during the first meeting of the month. A hard copy of this report would be kept in a file with all other official documentation for NWA EmComm Group. This file will be maintained by Doty.

Doty said NWA EmComm Group has been issued an Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Doty said he would update the template for the NWA EmComm Group business cards. There were discussions regarding what should go on the back side of the business card. After a short discussion, Henley requested all members to give thought to this matter and the board would continue the discussion at the next board meeting.

Operations Manager's Report - Mark Maddox

Maddox said the Federal Communications Commission 605-C form has been submitted. This is the application to transfer trusteeship of the WX5BC call sign to Maddox. It is not known how long this process will take.

New Business:

Going forward our immediate focus is on getting antennas back up at the EOC and getting the Action Plan implemented. All board members said they were pleased with the progress being made by the NWA EmComm Group. The next meeting will be at 2000 hours on Monday, Oct. 12.