

**MINUTES  
NWA EM COMM VIDEO CONFERENCE ON JITSI  
January 25, 2021**

**Board members taking part were:**

**Gregg Doty  
John Henley, Jr.  
Bill Dean  
Paul Blomgren  
Mark Maddox  
Harold Sobotka**

**Meeting opened at 7:01 PM by President John.**

**Minutes of last meeting on January 11, 2021 were approved by vote of the group.**

**Mark reported that the WXBC call sign (the Benton County EOC call sign) is now assigned to him and has apparently has been assigned to Mark since October 1, 2020.**

**Secondly, Mark said he would get in contact with John Henley regarding the NWA EmComm Group By Laws. Mark is currently proof reading the bylaws that John has written for the group. Once Mark completes the review, copies of the bylaws will be sent to board members for review and suggested changes. Once these steps are complete, NWA EmComm Group will be ready to apply for tax exempt status with the IRS.**

**January Ham In The Park event was discussed. Paul and Mark will be at county EOC for net control. Bill and John will do Hiwasse net control. Others that are out taking part will be sent to as yet undetermined locations.**

**Paul reported on Yavapai, near Prescott, AZ. Yavapai is a preparedness organization, and is a 501(c)3 organization. MEWE-YCOT is the internet access address for radio purposes.**

**Bill advised that he has nothing to report regarding the Bentonville Preparedness Fair.**

**The February Ham In The Park event was mentioned briefly.**

**Summer field Day in June was discussed. John reported that he plans to go to his brothers place near Winslow, AR and try to make contact with BCRO repeater system. John said perhaps the summer field day activities could be a joint venture with NWA EmComm and BCRO.**

**John ask the group about possible affiliation of EmComm with AIRES. Paul said he is working on that possibility, but has no progress report at this time.**

**The group agreed the next EmComm meeting would be February 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Harold Sobotka, secretary**