

Bellingham ACS General Meeting
March 15, 2023
7:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Robbie Hochreiter, Ashley Eastham, Lisa Nulsen, David Reitz, Ron Shrigley, Penny Bamford, Owen Bamford, Mark Challender, Jim McCabe, Marty Lynam, Ed Bishop, Lulu Langdon, Dave Rehm, Greg Hope.

Signature forms for worker cards were passed out, signed and returned. Cards will be created, laminated, and issued by the City of Bellingham.

Photo Release forms were passed out, signed and returned. This is in anticipation of creating a gallery of photos showing activities during drills and other activities.

Ron passed out copies of a flyer that he had generated showcasing the purpose and activities of the Bellingham ACS. These will be very helpful in our recruiting efforts.

Robbie emphasized maintaining a log of your time spent on BACS activities, as well as use of the Weekly Check-in sheet. Plan ahead and add your name and call sign to the check in sheet to indicate your availability to be net control operator.

ACTIVITIES:

A two day SARTOPO training will be held in the Ferndale Library in March and April. Dates to be announced. Whatcom County Youth Fair is coming up and we will be needing people at home as well as in attendance for purpose of demonstrating radio communications.

On May 18, there will be a one day training on SARTOPO. Jim Peoples will conduct the training at the EOC.

On May 20 at, Whatcom Community College, there will be a showcase of our capabilities in conjunction with the CERT organization. More details will follow.

A brief history of BACS was shared by Robbie, with additional comments by Ron. This was culminated by recognition of Jim McCabe as the founding father and leader of BACS, from its inception until the beginning of this year. Robbie presented Jim with a memento, expressing our gratitude for his effort over the years.

Dave spoke on how to utilize Winlink Express to do a digital OPS-3 check-in every Tuesday morning. Handouts of the presentation were given to all attendees. This is a basic use of Winlink and is a foundation for use of the program for more advanced applications. Dave encouraged the members to acquire a folder/binder to retain and organize these, as additional training and documents will be forthcoming. For those who are unable to check in by voice, please do so digitally from home using Winlink to be counted as having checked in.

Future general meetings will be held every third Wednesday at the EOC, at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Dave Rehm, W7KKC

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Secretary