

## BCRO MARCH 2021 Meeting

**DATE : MARCH 9TH , 2021****TIME: 7PM-8:00PM****LOCATION: ON LINE MEETING****PURPOSE: MONTHLY MEETING: GROUP MEETING & PLANNING****INVITED: MEMBERS AND GUESTS****HOST: BENTON COUNTY RADIO OPERATORS****FACILITATOR: PRESIDENT Paul Blomgren Jr. KC7DQY****ATTENDING: 14 MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

	AGENDA	
1.	OFFICERS REPORTS	<p><b>Newsletter Report</b> Harold Sobotka K5HJS, the new electronic BCRO newsletter, will be available. Submissions of articles, announcements, items to buy, sale or trade, and other information are requested. Ideas and suggestions are invited. New members</p> <p><b>Treasurer Report</b> Gregg Doty N5RGD Treasure's report accepted</p> <p>Secretary notes for January 2021 were accepted.</p>
2.	OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>Repeater Report</b> Steve Werner K5SAW and repeater trustee Will Rogers K5WLR; and reported that the repeaters were working fine. Steve went to see the repeater with Andy. Steve stated things needed rearranging. Will said he is running extended programs to ensure the repeaters were being tested with long-running programs to ensure their endurance in possible times of need. A discussion occurred regarding how to provide a source of warmth to keep equipment warm during cold weather to prevent possible shut down. Thanks for all your hard work.</p>
3.	NEW BUSINESS	<p><b>Testing-</b> Darryl Wagner WA1GON reported on upcoming Laurel testing and procedures. New VEs were sought. For further information about Laurel, contact <a href="mailto:darryl@wagoner.me">darryl@wagoner.me</a></p> <p>A Net Controller is needed to stand in for Darryl on the first Thursday of April. Skywarn and NWA EMCOMM activities were discussed. Virtual training will occur. More information is posted on BCRO website and emails.</p> <p>June 2021 Field Day location was discussed. The Winslow location is still open. It is desired to have joint, multi-group activities. An alternative location will also be looked for.</p> <p>Tour De Cure discussed. It is organized by Mark Maddox KL7IWT. It could be a virtual event.</p> <p>Prepper's Fair scheduling is still unknown. It is currently thought it will not happen.</p> <p>NWA Amateur Radio Inter-Club Luncheon at Golden Corral in both Rogers and Fayetteville was reviewed. Meetings are going well and is a good social time. The raffle and donations given back to represented radio groups, were discussed. Contact Rick Pope for more information. <a href="mailto:rjpopel@yahoo.com">rjpopel@yahoo.com</a></p>