

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

January 25, 2023
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 15 of 20 members present.

Members present: Joseph Baasch, Darren Chappuies, Patrick Deethardt, Steven Fenske, Kirk Gunderson, Tim Halbach, Keith Hurlbert, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Logan Milton, Marshall Ogren, Tim Slater, Jan Victorson, Ben Warrington, Logan Zinsli.

Members excused: Dan Miller, Torre Peterson-Waldvogel (deployed).
Members absent: Christopher Lehner, Tyler Tuttle, Dan Weber.

3. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes by Joe Baasch, seconded by Steve Fenske. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

5. Old Business:

- A. Questions received concerning WISCOM upgrade – Keith Kesler.

Local departments continue to wonder about timetable for WISCOM developments.

- B. WISCOM Outreach – Keith Kesler

Ashland County is looking at moving to WISCOM. A meeting has been planned with the Sheriff and others for February 6th. Eric Viel will confirm attendance with Keith Kesler.

6. New Business:

- A. OEC Update – OEC Staff.

- 1) The design report authorized with the 21-23 budget is under development.

B. Member Terms – OEC Staff

Subcommittee members whose terms will soon expire will receive an email from OEC. Current subcommittee members do need to reapply. Include as agenda item for next meeting.

C. Tim Halbach

Tim Halbach has requested reappointment to the WISCOM Subcommittee as the Federal Entity Representative. Forwarded to the IC with recommendation for approval.

D. DOC has requested appointment of Grant Hones to the WISCOM Subcommittee as the DOC Representative. He is the radio coordinator for the DOC. The DNR has requested Chris Reynolds be appointed to the WISCOM Subcommittee. He has been hired for the former position held by Jennifer Lord. Requests will be forwarded to the IC with recommendations for approval.

E. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nominations were requested by the membership.

Keith Kesler was nominated for chair. Nominations were requested three times. There being no other nominations Kesler will accept the position of chair.

Keith Hurlbert was nominated for Vice Chair. Nominations were requested three times. There being no other nominations Hurlbert was declared Vice Chair.

F. Future activities.

WISCOM OUTREACH/EDUCATION – Air Medical

There still seems to be confusion from air medical providers related to availability and use of WISCOM. Suggested that committee members reach out to air medical providers in their area, clarify if WISCOM available to air medical, what talk groups are available both to air and ground entities, identify a back-up, etc..

WISCOM TRAINING – Use of WISCOM

There are areas/regions of the state that have not had training in use of WISCOM. Discussion. Some counties in the northwest region routinely uses WISCOM talk group RTAC 64 for BLS to ALS ground and helicopter intercepts. This has proven very helpful.

WISCOM SMEs – Health Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) Resource

Each region has a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for WISCOM that works with hospitals. Katherine Johnson will forward points of contact for each region to membership.

WISCOM and CONVENTIONAL VHF

Coordination of messaging or both WISCOM and conventional VHF is important.

PREPARATION OF TRAINING MATERIALS – WISCOM

Challenge to develop training materials that can be used to on board new subcommittee and IC members that may include past, present and future information on WISCOM. Committee established to begin development to include Carl Guse, Kirk Gunderson, Keith Hurlbert, Keith Kesler and others to be identified. Please contact Keith Kesler if you are interested.

7. Future Agenda items: Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with agenda items for the next meeting.
8. Next meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd, 12:30 meeting time. Location to be determined.
9. Adjournment

Motion made by Kirk Gunderson, seconded by Joe Baasch, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson