

WICEN (Vic)
Coordinators' and Commanders' Meeting
Minutes for Meeting 15 November 2020
Via ZOOM

- Attendance & Apologies

Attendees

- Ross Sargent
- Alan Stratford
- Paul Elvey
- John Morrissey
- Christopher Morley
- Paul Engler
- Mark Hudson
- Phil Simpson
- Don Fraser
- Gordon Cornell
- Paul Whitaker
- Peter Weeks

Apologies

- Minutes of Previous Meeting – As distributed
Moved Alan Stratford & Seconded Ross
- Business arising from previous meeting. Refer general Business

- Reports

- Data Comms – Nil
- Training – Nil
- Property –

Trailer is at Gerard's some wiring is in place & batteries connected.

Commercial Radios have arrived need to be programmed.

- Membership – 62 Financial Members as at Nov 2020
- Radio Nil

COVID has slowed up things. VK3RWG (Baw Baw) is presently out of action at this stage until the snow melts.

A reminder to use the web page for reporting faults.

- Regional Coordinator Reports
 - Central/Eastern Metropolitan – Nil
 - Central/North & West Metropolitan - Nil
 - Central/Southern Metropolitan - Nil
 - East/Gippsland Region & SCU As attached
 - Mid West/Grampians – attended 2 MEPEC meetings with invitations extended to continue with the meeting attendances additional to the SEMP.
 - North East/Hume – Nil
 - North West/Loddon Mallee – Nil
 - South West & Barwon Region – as attached

General Business

- 79 councils in Victoria, which ones would we target?
Contact with VicPol Emergency Co-ordinators need to be re-established. Inspectors rotate every 12 or so months.
- Structure of WICEN Sub Committee
Don is working on a training structure/packages for the tiered membership. It is a slow process. Membership manual.
- EMCOP require email address to be firstname.surname@vic.wicen.org.au need to work with Mark D on the setting up.
- Note John M has been setting up 12 volt lithium batteries.
- Phill Simpson is willing to take on the co-ordinator roll for the Mildura area.
- Digital Radio Group. WICEN NSW are using Digital more and more. Need to work through having a Data Coordinator.
- Paul W have been developing a training package for Data.
- Membership flow chart no required at this stage. Monitor going forward.
- Mt Terrible repeater has new batteries. Channel 8 UHF CB is also back up and running.
- Peter Weeks has been attending fortnightly pandemic meetings.
- Alexandra 2m repeater is now a DMR repeater as well
- Use of NBN is of concern in supplying service during emergency events. Loss of power will be an issue for service provision.

Meeting closed 12:30 & Next meeting 21 February 2021