

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting April 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 26 members and guests present.

After the corrections were made, a motion to accept the March 1, 2011, minutes as they were e-mailed was made by Lisa, KB8UER, and seconded by Tyler, WV8VFD. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion to accept the report was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. He said that after a severe storm that went through the area the repeater ID had a different sound. It was the first time the commercial power was off and the ID'er tone changed to indicate a power failure.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the McDonough Foundation grant is coming back together. He said the grant is for two laptop computers and two projectors to show they are for training at the Health Department Communications trailer. He said the grant is coming along better. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he delivered three donation letters that Terry had put together. One went to Office Depot, one to Home Depot, and one to Lowe's. Terry said that he has all of the major auto dealership letters printed up

and ready to be delivered. He also has several other letters ready to be delivered. He has two different type letters, one for cash only and one for cash or merchandise for the Hamfest. Ken said that we still have an open grant application with Tractor Supply that needs to be completed. The only thing that needs completed is what type of merchandise we would like to have.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep record of their mileage and hours, and turn them into Terry, KC8TUE, or himself, whenever they wanted to. Don't forget the hours and mileage for Artsbridge.

There were no WCEC members that took the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class at the Civil Air Patrol building. Most of those who took that class were CAP members. Those who took the CERT class at the Health Department have received their CERT Bags and Certificates.

Duane, N8LDM, sent an e-mail saying that he was out of town going to a class and couldn't make the meeting. He said that he had no new members who registered for RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service). He just wanted to remind everyone about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Kevin, KC8OXY, turned in copies of some NIMS Certificates. Ken reminded everyone about trying to get their NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 courses completed. Ken said that he sent out an e-mail to those who have complet-

ed, or said they have completed, courses. The courses that are in red are the ones that he doesn't have a hard copy or pdf copy of the certificate.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. He said there has been no work on the trailer since the installation of the dish and two TV's. Ken, KB8QPW, said that he stopped by the trailer a couple of days before the meeting to turn the heater back on. It looks like the heater may have become defective. Since Spring is here it won't make any difference for now.

Bill, N8JXO, passed out a couple of paper copies of the proposed page on the website for the 2011 Hamfest. Ken, WV8EER, was hoping to be at the meeting, but he didn't make it, so we don't have much more of an update for the Hamfest. Harold, N8KO, said that we could use the antenna tuner that he gave to the group as a door prize or what ever we needed it for. Ken, WA8LLM, said the communications trailer needs a tuner for the HF Transceiver. Ken said that he would put together a tax donation letter for Harold so that he can take it off his taxes. Harold also said that if anyone needed coax, that he can order it at a reasonable price, since the price of coax just went up in cost. Any prizes that we can put together can be placed on the Website Hamfest Page. A short discussion followed.

Since Ken, WV8EER, wasn't at the meeting, a report on the WCEC T-Shirts was tabled until the next meeting.

None of the WCEC members took a Food Handler class last month.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone needs their WCEC or ARES ID Cards to let him know. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he needs a new picture since he no longer has a beard. A couple of others need new ID Cards since they have received their Ama-

teur Radio License. Ken said that he would take pictures at the next meeting. Ken talked about a new insert that would go inside the back of the ID Card. He will bring a copy of it to the next meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has received two bags of Aluminun Cans to be recycled.

Bill, N8JXO, said the WC8EC.com website was as up-to-date as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since we now have access to the Health Department conference room that we can plan on holding a traffic handlers class at that location.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on a fund raising dinner. No date has been set yet. The fund raising dinner is to take place of the loss of the Safety Breaks. Terry, KC8TUE, said the he hasn't acquired a price for the use of the Lubeck Civil Center building. He has tried to get an answer, but he says there is shake-up in their organization, and no body knows who is doing what. He will keep trying. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race which would be held on April 10th. The race will start at 12 noon. Workers need to be on site be 11:00 am. Ken said that didn't know what the weather was going to be like, so just think warm and dry.

Rick, WV8DOC, has made some additional changes to the By-Laws. As soon as he finishes them up, the draft will be e-mailed out for everyone to look at, ask questions, and make comments. The By-Laws will then be read two months in a row and be voted on.

At last month's meeting Jerry, WV8HAM, brought up for discussion about holding some kind of Special Event on HF. It was discussed about operating a Special Event Station at the Grand Central Mall or at WalMart. Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that

we might hold it in conjunction with the Boy Scout JOTA (Jamboree On The Air), which is in October. It was suggested that we need to think about holding it in the warmer months. A short discussion followed. Jerry wasn't able to make it to the meeting due to some plumbing problems. He may have some ideas on what to do. It was decided to hold off on any decisions until the next meeting. Everyone needs to think about any ideas.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he hasn't received any feedback about the operation plan for the communications trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician Radio Class that was held on April 2nd. He said that 33 people took the class, 31 took the Technician Test, and 22 passed. Two of those who passed the test were at the meeting. They are just waiting for their license. Ken is thinking about holding a one day General Radio Class. It's not set up yet, it's just in the planning stage. A short discussion followed.

New Business

There will be VE Testing on Saturday April 9th at the Mid-Ohio Heath Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg, at 6:00 PM.

The Vienna River Fun Run will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Those wanting to help should be at Hardee's in Vienna at 7:00 am.

There will be a Bike Race and Ride held on April 30th. The race and ride will be on the Rails-to-Trails. Kevin, KC8OXY, has already spent about five days getting road crossings identified and maps made up. Communications will be a challenge. A short discussion followed.

The Athens Hamfest will be held on May 1st. The Jackson County Hamfest will be held on May 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, had one of the new antenna bases at the meeting for Show-&-Tell.

Matt, N8MDG, had a UHF repeater that he has been working on at the meeting for Show-&-Tell.

Harold, N8KO, said that he has a new catalog from ? Wholesale. The catalog has all kinds of radios and amplifiers. If anyone is interested in anything that's in it, they should contact Harold.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Kyle Riser Unit 299B
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Tyler Lewis WV8VFD/Unit 351
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276
Dustin Cline
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Matt Greathouse N8MDG/Unit 363
Brianna Harris
Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277
Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358
Harold Dooley N8WO/Unit 266