

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting August 2, 2011

After the annual picnic a short business was called to order at about 7:10 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 40 members and guests present.

After the corrections were made, a motion to accept the July 5, 2011, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Rick, KC8VLM, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read. Ken, WA8LLM, explained the BINGO Account has to be cleared out of last years BINGO money before any new money from BINGO games can be deposited. A motion to accept the report was made by Jenny, KC8UYB, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken has not had time to get back up to the repeater site to get the controller programmed, but he has heard an Identifier on the repeater. He doesn't know if someone has a transmitter that is doing the identifying or if the controller has only lost half of it's memory. He explained that during a power failure at the tower site the repeater did indicate the power was off by changing the tone of the courtesy beep.

Report on grants and donation letters were held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members to keep track of their hours. He said those helping with the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition can count those hours.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class being held every Thursday in August in Ritchie County at the Ellenboro Fire Department. There will be a make-up class held on the first Thursday in September for any of the classes that are missed.

Duane, N8LDM, sent Ken, WA8LLM, an E-Mail saying that he had an important meeting to attend so he wouldn't be able to make the picnic/meeting. There was no report on RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service).

Ken, WA8LLM, said for those who haven't completed the ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, that the books were still available.

A report about the Health Department Communications trailer was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that several people have been working on the Hamfest which will be held on October 8th. Ken said the 2 foot by 4 foot direction and mileage signs have been repainted so they don't have to be covered over with paper like last year. He said the door prize shelves have also been painted. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he received a box of door prizes from Yaeasu. He didn't get as much as he did last year, but he did get some hats and world maps.

He hasn't heard anything from Kenwood or Alinco, but he got an E-Mail from Universal wanting to verify his address so they can send some door prizes. Ken talked about a few ideas for the main prizes to get more extra ticket sales. He suggested there should be more than just three main prizes. We could give away four additional prizes, which would be dependant on the amount of extra tickets sales. Cathy, KC8DJJ, has been working on the Name Tags for the Hamfest Officials. There were a few changes on the flyer such as the five minute drawings will start at 9:00 am, and the sale of last extra tickets.

Jenny, KC8UYB, said that Ken, WV8EER, should be able to print the T-Shirts, but he may not be able to get them. It was suggested that WCEC buy the T-Shirts, and Ken may be able to print them.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he is still collecting Aluminum Cans.

Information about the WC8EC.com website was held off until the September meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there has been an idea of holding a Pancake Breakfast instead of holding a Hot Dog Supper that has been in the planning. Since the Dinner Fund Raising committee are the ones planning what to do, they should be the ones who will decide which one to hold.

Jerry, WV8HAM, gave a report on the Special Event Station that was held during the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. Rick, WV8DOC, talked about a Communication Official from Florida who took a tour of the Health Department Communications Trailer.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he is still working on the Operations Plan for the Health Department Communications Trailer. He said it will always be a work in progress. He said that if anyone has something that

should be in the plan, to let him know.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around the Field Day Book. He still has to finish a couple of sections so that he can make copies and send them to the ARRL. Ken said that he needs some help on the ARRL RADIOGRAMs that were sent during Field Day. He said that looking over the RADIOGRAMs, he knows there needs to be a RADIOGRAM Class.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report about getting a room at the Airport. He said that during Field Day he got a telephone call from Commissioner Couch about money to rent the building at the Airport. Commissioner Couch said that he had been talking to Terry Moore, the Airport Manager. Terry Moore said that he wants to have Wood County Emergency Communication stationed at his Airport. Commissioner Couch said that he would talk to the other commissioners about getting money for the building. He asked if \$2500 would help. A few days later, Commissioner Couch called Terry and said there would be a check in the amount of \$3000 coming. The money would be used to fix up, clean up, and pay the rent of the building. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a telephone call that our communications group was in the newspaper saying that we would be receiving \$3000 for office space at the Airport. The money is coming out of the extra money the county receives each year in Taxes. We will want to watch each year at this time to see if there is extra money left over. Ken said that until there is a check in hand, nothing was going to be done. About two days after the Newspaper article, Ken received a check to Wood County Emergency Communications in the amount of \$3000. Ken said that he wasn't going to deposit the money in checking until we meet again with Terry Moore, and find out how much the rent will be. We now need to see what we can get donated for the building.

Anna, KC8JWW, presented a check in the amount of \$100 for the use of the canopy for the Class of 1957 Reunion. It will be deposited in the next few days.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. He said that it was hot and the crowd was down. The BINGO games bought in about \$400 less than the year before. There was a discussion about only using half of the canopy next year. The crowds seem to be getting smaller each year.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held August 19th, 20th, and 21st. Set up for the BINGO will be at about 5:00 pm on Thursday the 18th. We haven't heard anything about the Homecoming Parade yet.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was told there are three, four foot tables, and five six foot tables that can be picked up at the Bureau of Public Debt. Plans are to pick up the tables and find a place to store the tables until we get the building at the Airport.

There will be VE Testing on August 13th at 6:00 pm at the Health Department.

Lisa, KB8UER, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Colt Wotring Unit 299G
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A
Ashlee Wright Unit 299F
Leland Wright Unit 299L
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359
Brianna Harris Unit 299B
Brian Harris Unit 299E
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361
Brodi Wilson
Larry Wilson
Olivia Wilson
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Joshua Morgan KD8LKE/Unit 360
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Kyle Riser KD8PYM/Unit 368
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264
Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265
Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Dustin Cline KD8PXX/Unit 367
Sarah Cline
Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255
Jim Peterson
Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355