

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting February 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 20 members and guests present.

After the correction of a callsign was made, a motion to accept the January 4, 2011, minutes as they were e-mailed was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. 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 KB8RNE, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said he had some problems with one of his Packet antennas at the house. Every time his Packet station transmitted it would get into the Remote Receiver as his house. Since that receiver doesn't have the receive tone turned on, any signal getting into it would bring up the repeater. Ken changed the Packet antenna and corrected the problem. Other than that, the 147.255 repeater is working great.

Terry, KC8TUE, didn't have anything to report on grants. He wanted to put the grants on the table for a month until he decided what to do. He did want to have a Grant Committee Meeting after the regular meeting. He wants to apply for a secondary grant through the McDonough

Foundation, and needs to decide on what to apply for. He has also been working on a donation letter that will either be mailed out or hand delivered to businesses in the area. Now that he has printer ink and paper, he will start printing up the letters. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Jim Rose, KD8ITI, about the Grainger Grant. The grant has been approved, but the money needs to go through District Manager who used to be Jeff Walsh. Jeff has changed positions and a new District Manager hasn't been appointed yet, so the grant is on hold. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep record of the mileage and hours, and turn them into Terry, KC8TUE, or himself, whenever they wanted to.

Jerry, WV8HAM, gave a report on the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class that has two more training days left. Jerry would like to have Jim Rose, KD8ITI, bring the Health Department's Communications Trailer to the CERT class for Show-&-Tell. Ken, WA8LLM, would ask Jim about it. Ken has received an e-mail stating that WCEC needs to re-register as a council so that we can be listed in the National Register. Ken has re-registered the organization. The registration needed to be sent to Charleston to be approved before being put in the National Register.

The members were reminded that if they want to register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member, they

need to fill out an application, and get it to Duane, N8LDM.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still copies of NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 Incident Command System courses available for those who want to complete the courses. Some of the members picked up the books.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. The trailer was moved inside Fire Station Number 2 so that the TV Satellite Dish could be installed. The dish was supposed to be installed on Wednesday, but the company who was going to install the dish had to change the appointment date. It will now be the 14th of February. Jim Rose, KD8ITI, has been working with Direct TV, trying to get a deal on the service, but isn't having any luck. Direct TV said the best thing we could do is to find someone who has Direct TV service and pay for two extra cards for the receivers that come with the Satellite system. Bill, N8JXO, said that he has some more software to put on the computers in the trailer. Rick, WV8DOC, took the scanner out of the trailer to get it programmed. Ken took the IRP Mobile and two IRP Handie/Talkies down to Miller's Communicatinos to have them programmed. Kevin, from the MARCS (Mutual Aid Radio Communications System) in Ohio, came by and looked at the trailer. He did a short class on how the Ohio MARCS radio works. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that some things are proceeding for the Hamfest, even though there is no committee chairman yet. Ken said that he has submitted contribution letters to Wal\*Mart and Cabellas. Ken said he also has a grant opened up at Tractor Supply that he needs to finished. He and Terry, KC8TUE, went to Home Depot to ask about donation or contributions. Home Depot said to give them a request letter on a WCEC letterhead, and they

would see what they could do. Ken said that Lowe's told him the same thing, but to wait until March. Ken suggested that all of the members put together a list of businesses that we should send letters to. Ken said that he printed up about 100 copies of a the 2011 Hamfest Flier that he took to the Nelsonville Hamfest. It wasn't a completed flier since we don't have any idea what the main prizes will be. Fliers should be taken to all of the Hamfests that anyone goes to. While at the meeting Cathy, KC8DJJ, sent a text message to Ken, WV8EER, about being the Hamfest Chairman. Ken said that he would take the position. Ken, WV8EER, wasn't able to be at the meeting since he had to finish printing 500 shirts to go out of state. A lengthy discussion followed.

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

No Food Handler classes were attended in January.

Those at the meeting picked up the WCEC and ARES ID Cards. There are still some members who haven't yet picked their cards or reviewed their medical forms.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Department of Highways sent another letter saying the deadline for applying for Safety Breaks was extended until the last of February. They also enclosed an application for the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that no one has brought any aluminum cans to be recycled.

Ken, WA8LLM, was going to hold a short ARRL Radiogram traffic handlers class before the regular meeting, but it didn't happen. Maybe he will try again next month if anyone is interested. Ken said that he would like to start having at least one piece of traffic handled on the Sunday evening voice net. He would like to have one person create a message and pass it to some-

one else on the net.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the WCEC advertisement that will be placed in the Jefferson Middle School Year Book. Jerry, WV8HAM, said he delivered the logo and a check a day or so before the deadline.

Terry, KC8TUE, had mentioned it at last months meeting, and brought it up for discussion about holding Fund-Raising Dinners. He said the dinners could be held at the Lubeck Civic Center, and we would have to reserve the building and pay additional rent. Terry didn't get any prices on the building; he just brought it up last month to let the members think about it. He said that he would check on the price if the organization wanted to hold the dinners. Terry said that before we would attempt to hold any dinners, there needs to be a commitment from the members to help. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to put together a committee to look at holding one fund-raising dinner, to see how it works. Matt, KD8GWP, seconded the motion. Rick and Terry said they would work on getting prices for a Hotdog Dinner. Rick said that he would be the chairman of the committee. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the schedule of events has been updated from last year's dates, and other dates that have all ready been scheduled were added. All of the dates are subject to change. Ken talked about a new activity this year, and that is Bike Ride/Race on the Rail-To-Trails. There are some conflicts with some of the activities, by having two of them on the same day. The Chic-Fil-A Road Run, and a Safety Fair at WVUP are on the same day, May 21st.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There will be W5YI VE Testing this coming Saturday, February 12th, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Heath Department, 211 6th Street, at 6:00 PM.

Ken, WA8LLM, suggested the By-Laws needs to be updated. They haven't been looked at or updated in a while. Since we are making NIMS a part of the membership requirements, membership classifications need to be defined. A short discussion followed.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

## **ATTENDEES**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A  
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354  
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273  
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Jason Stull KD8OSU/Unit 366  
Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291  
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276  
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357  
Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361  
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253  
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278