

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting July 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 29 members and guests present.

After the corrections were made, a motion to accept the June 7, 2011, minutes as they were emailed 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 Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. For about a month, the repeater has been without an identifier. For some reason the repeater controller went back to its default state and does not have a callsign. Ken said that as soon as he can get some free time that he will go to the tower site and try to re-program it.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that during Field Day the jump drive that he stored and backed up his computer bit the dust. All of his personal and WCEC information was located on the drive. He's hoping there are some backup files on some other computers that he can retrieve. He may have to start over on the all of the grant proposals. He said that he still had the email addresses for some of the companies that he asks

for donations from, like Yasue, Alinco, Kenwood, R&L, and Universal. He has already sent them emails asking for donations for the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members to keep track of their hours. He said that since Field Day was over there should be plenty of hours to report.

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.

Since Duane, N8LDM, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service).

Ken, WA8LLM, had the ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 books at the meeting for those who still need them. Ken says he has some certificates that he needs to scan and get in PDF format to keep on record.

Ken, KB8QPW, purchased a cheap AM/FM Radio to be placed in the Health Department Communications trailer. Nothing has been done with the Internet Satellite, or the Direct TV service lately.

Bill, N8JXO, said that he needs pictures of any door prizes that we get, so that he can put them on the WC8EC.com Hamfest page. Bill said that he had a person that wants to do QSL Card verification checks at the Hamfest. Terry, KC8TUE, said that

he has emailed prize donation letters to five radio dealers that he had eail addresses for. Terry is also going to contact the owners of DEBCO Electronics to see if they would like to attend the Hamfest. They didn't show up at Athens this year, but that may have been because of their date change.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we should send a donation check to the ARRL WV State Convention for an advertisement in their booklet. The state convention will be held on August 20th at Jackson's Mills. It was suggested the donation be in the amount of \$50.

There's still been no word from Ken, WV8EER, about the WCEC T-Shirts. It was decided to hold off having someone else make them up until we hear from Ken. Jenny, KC8UYB, will check with WV8EER.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that more of the ID Cards have been caught up. He can now start working on the new ones for next year.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he is still collecting Aluminum Cans. He may need a trailer to take them to be recycled.

Bill, N8JXO, has been working on the WC8EC.com website, and has it up to date except for some DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, needs to send them to him. Bill has his copy of the WCEC Business Meeting Minutes on the site until he gets the format that Rick, WV8DOC, uses.

Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't tried to schedule any classes due to all of the other activities going on. When things slow down he will try to put together a class.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there has been no changes to the Hot Dog Supper that is being planned. A date still has not yet been picked. It was suggested that it be held on a weekday, and not a weekend.

Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't been able to talk

to the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition Fair Board President yet about holding a Special Event Station at the fair. Ken said that since the Health Department was going to have the Communications Trailer at the fair, we might set up the SES in it. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short report on Field Day. He said there were only about 480 contacts made. He will have a better report at the August meeting. There was about 1500 bonus points that will be added. There was a short discussion on band conditions and equipment problems.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report about getting a room at the Airport to hold the WCEC meetings. Terry talked to Terry Moore about a building that used to be used by the FAA. There was a group of members that meet at the Airport to look over the building. The building is 60 or more feet long and has at least five rooms. There will be a lot of work getting the building cleaned up and put back in shape. There would be a nominal fee for the use of the building if we want it. Terry said that he called County Commissioner Blair Couch about paying the usage fee. The commission had made an offer of paying a fee when we were looking at a room at the CAP building. On Field Day Blair Couch called Terry and told him that he was going to approach the other County Commissioners on Monday morning about the building. Terry said that Terry Moore had already called Commissioner Couch several times about the building. Terry Moore told him that he wanted Emergency Communications at his Airport. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to proceed to secure the building at a reasonable cost and do the legal paperwork for the building. Matt, KD8GWP, seconded the motion. Motion carried. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies that were used at the church on

Broadway Ave. He said the canopies were damaged in a wind storm. Ken was able to find and purchase one new canopy, and bungee straps. The group got a \$300 donation which replaced one of the canopies and purchased new bungee straps and rope to repair the damaged canopies. A deposit of \$100 was put in checking. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that one of the 24 by 40 canopies will be used for a class reunion on July 9th. The canopy will be set up on Old St. Marys Pike. The organization also wants to borrow ten tables.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day General Amateur Radio class that was held on June 11th. There were 3 people that took the class. Four people took the test and upgraded to General Class license on that day. One of those taking the test had taken the class in May but failed. She studied and passed it in June.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a \$50 donation for the use of the two 24 by 40 canopies at Belleville. That paid for the gas to take them down and bring them back. The group holding the event didn't make much money.

NEW BUSINESS

It was unknown whether there would be VE Testing at the Health Department on July 9th or not.

Ken, WA8LLM, told those at the meeting to pick up one of the yellow gate pass sheets if they are going to be helping with BINGO at the fair on July 19th through 23rd.

Setup for BINGO at the fair will be on Sunday, July 17th, at 9:00am.

Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be on August 19th, 20th, and 21st. Setup for BINGO will be on Thursday, August 18th, at about 5:00pm.

The Annual WCEC Picnic and short business meeting will be on August 2nd at the Lubeck Civic Center. We will eat at about 6:00pm, followed by a short business meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, did a second reading of the modified By-Laws as required. A motion was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP, that the revised Bylaws be accepted. The Bylaws were accepted unanimously.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

ATTENDEES

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Melinda Creel
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359
Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Kyle Riser KD8PYM Unit 368
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK Unit 369
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Tina Rogers
Brianna Harris Unit 299Q
Brian Harris Unit 299R.