

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting June 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were only 21 members and guests present.

After the corrections were made, a motion to accept the May 3, 2011, minutes as they were e-mailed was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read. Ken, WA8LLM, gave an explanation about a \$500 donation that was deposited in the Raffle Account. Since we no longer do raffles, he thought it would be better to call it the Hamfest Account, and any money that is earmarked for the Hamfest be deposited in that account. A motion to accept the report was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Mark, AB8WV. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. The repeater has been working for the last month with no problems. Ken said that he hasn't done any more with the Motorola VHF and UHF Walkie/Talkies that are going to be used as Remote Receivers. Ken said the UHF Receiver at the repeater site is scanning six UHF frequencies.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the McDonough Foundation grant is back on track. He said that he needed a copy of our IRS 990 Form, last year's budget, and an audited form.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an explanation of how the IRS Tax Returns for Non-Profits are reported. The McDonough grant is for laptop computers and projectors. The Tractor Supply grant still needs to be finished by telling them what we would like to have. The Tractor Supply grant is for the Hamfest. Terry said that he hasn't worked on the donation letters for a while since he's been working on the grants. Terry asked the group if they had any businesses that we should try for donations. We only have about three months to get the donations put together. Terry said he has the e-mails ready to go to the radio businesses that donated door prizes last year.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members to keep track of their hours. Any classes they take or activities they are involved in are counted. Radio nets and Hamfest hours should be counted. Any hours that would pertain the emergency communications should be counted.

There was a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class held last month. Terry, KC8TUE, gave a short report on it. He also said there is another class coming up in July, but he didn't have the dates. He said that it would be held at the Health Department.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some of the 100, 200, 700, and 800 books avail-

able for those who need to complete their courses. He said that all you need to do is go to the NIMS website, download the tests, find the answers in the books, then go back online and fill in the answers.

Rick, WV8DOC, explained what the COML Class is used for. He attended that class last month. Ken said that other communication courses are also good to take such as 242, 704, 802. There may be other courses that are available.

A short discussion was held on national radio frequencies listed in NIFOG (National Interoperability Field Operations Guide).

Bill, N8JXO, and Ken, KB8QPW, got the Internet Satellite on the Health Department Communications trailer working, at least for the Safety Fair. After it was taken back to the fire station to be stored, it quit working again. Ken said that he learned the Amateur HF radio in the trailer does have an auto-tuner built into it.

Tim, N8WO, got some more door prizes for the Hamfest. Ken, KB8QPW, also has some door prizes at his house that he ordered. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has the e-mail addresses for Yeasu and Alinco that he would ask for door prizes, and any larger prizes that we can get. Any other prizes that can be purchased at a low cost can be used. At the Hamfest last year there were several prizes at each door prize drawing. The door prize drawings will be held every five minutes. Bill, N8JXO, reminded everyone the Hamfest Page is now available on [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com). He is updating the page as prizes become available. The Wood County Hamfest flier will be put in the ARRL State Convention booklet. Anyone wanting to talk to any business about donations should start as soon as possible so we can have the prizes put on the website. Another door prize that can be used is the MFJ Antenna Tuner that Harold, N8WO, donated to the organization. Ken,

WA8LLM, still needs to get Harold a donation letter.

There's been no word from Ken, WV8EER, about the WCEC T-Shirts. It was decided to have the topic tabled until the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, still has some ID Cards to print up since he has some new pictures. He figures that by the time he gets the ID Cards printed up it will be time for new ones again.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has about seven very large bags of aluminum cans that need to be recycled. Rick said that he will take cans from anyone wanting to donate them. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, has changed the looks of the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website front page and that it is as up-to-date as possible. He said that he needs pictures of the Hamfest Door prizes to put on the site. He said that he needs to find out if Waste Management would like to have their logo put on the site since they donated.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that with all of the activities coming up, it will be hard to schedule any classes. We still have access to the Health Department conference room if we can find the time to hold any classes. He would still like to hold a traffic handling class. He would still like to start having one piece of traffic passed on the Sunday net each week. A couple other classes would be a Packet Radio class and a new Amateur Radio Operator class. Ray, N8TWV, said that he found a lot of information about on the Internet about getting started into Amateur Radio. He will try to find it again and get it turned in. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, have the price of the Lubeck Civic Center building for the whole day. He said that for a couple of Hotdogs, a bag of chips, and a drink, it would be about \$4.50.

There was still some discussion on taking orders for delivery. A date needs to be picked that doesn't fall on the same day as any of the Fire Departments. It was suggested to hold it in September. Once the date is set, then it can be decided if there will be a delivery service. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, explained the levels of Communications Technician in the By-Laws. It was a way for the group leaders to determine how to be NIMS compliant. The By-Laws will be read at the end of the meeting.

There was a short discussion about holding a Special Event during the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. Ken, WA8LLM, will talk to the Fair Board President to see if it would be okay. If it is okay, then Jerry, WV8HAM, can plan on holding it there.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report the Operations Plan for the Health Department Communications trailer. Anyone wanting to see how it is coming along can connect to Rick's website, [www.wv8doc.com](http://www.wv8doc.com), and click on the green trailer at the bottom of the page. The Operation Plan will never be finished, there will always be updates to it.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, gave a report on the Jackson County Hamfest. He said they did pretty good. The selling of extra tickets helped make the Hamfest a success.

Mark, AB8WV, gave a report on the General Radio class and VE Exam held on May 14th. There were 12 people that took the class and 7 passed the General Class license.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about Field Day on June 25th and 26th. We need to get computers set up to be used for logging. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he couldn't find the bill for rent of the Lubeck Civic Center.

Terry, KC8TUE, is going to contact the people and have another bill sent. As soon as Ken gets the bill he will pay the rent for this year.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would make contact with Terry Moore at the Airport about the room he said we may be able to use.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Safety Fair at WVUP went pretty good. We had the Health Department Communications Trailer, and Ken had his trailer there. There were two HF stations set up. We had the telephone system set up, and two computers running videos about Amateur Radio. Several people stopped by to ask questions and take tours. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chik-Fil-A Road Run held on the same day as the Safety Fair, May 21st.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Broadway Church of Nazarene will be using the two 24 by 40 canopies June 13th through June 18th.

One of the 24 by 40 canopies will be used for a class reunion on July 9th on Old St Marys Pike.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A one-day General Class radio class will be held on June 11th starting at 12:00 noon. At 6:00 PM there will be a VE test session. The class and the test session will be held at the Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg.

Belleville wants to use the two 24 by 40 canopies for an activity supporting the Lubeck Fire Department. The date and location of the activity is June 11th at the old Humphrey School at Belleville.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has taken care of the Non-Profit Income Tax report.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the WCEC State

Business License renewal has been taken care of. This year the renewal of the license will be a permanent license. We used to have to renew it every year, then it was changed to every two years.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Lisa, KB8UER, got a \$500 donation from Waste Management for the Hamfest. We need to send them a Thank You letter.

Todd Wines from the Red Cross asked if we could hold a Technician Radio class at the Red Cross. He is going to see how many people are interested, and get back with us.

Rick, WV8DOC, did a first reading of the modified By-Laws. He will do a Second reading at the July meeting. Then the group will be able to vote on it.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark, AB8WV. Meeting adjourned.

## **ATTENDEES**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276  
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268  
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291  
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352  
Jason Stull, KD8OSU/Unit 367  
Larry Stevens KD8PYM/Unit 370  
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282  
Joshua Morgan KD8LKE/Unit 360  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Colt Wotring Unit 299G  
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J  
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N  
Brandon Stull Unit 299P