

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting March 1, 2011

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

After the corrections were made, a motion to accept the February 1, 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 Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that everything seems to be okay with the repeater system, but was concerned there might have been a problem after the severe storm, with a tornado warning, came through the area on Monday morning.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the grants are still on hold. He said that he and Rick, WV8DOC, went to a grant meeting on February 11th, in Marietta. He explained about some of the mistakes that were being made while writing grants. Terry said that he is still going to apply for the McDonough Foundation grant. Terry says that he has the donation letters up and running, he hopes to get a list together of those who are going to get the letters, and if they are to be mailed out, or hand delivered. Matt,

KD8GWP, said we need to get last year's list for the Hamfest and use it again this year. The list was in an envelope with the list of donations. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would look for the envelope. Nothing else has been heard about the Grainger Grant. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep record of their 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 was held last month. He said that four WCEC members attended the class. Those attending the class are just waiting for their equipment bags and their certificates. There is another CERT class coming up shortly, but the date wasn't available. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had re-registered WCEC as a CERT Council for the national directory. He got an E-Mail back which said that since WCEC wasn't a government organization that we would not be approved.

Duane, N8LDM, hasn't had anyone else register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member. He was asked if RACES issues a RACES ID Card. Duane said the WCEC ID Card with the word RACES on it would be recognized as being registered as RACES. Duane is going to send Ken, WA8LLM, a list of those who are registered as RACES. Ken said that he would be sure the WCEC ID Cards for 2012 would reflect RACES registration.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received copies of several NIMS certificates from members over the past month, including the ones that Bill, N8JXO, delivered to him at the meeting. Ken explained that the tests which are in the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 books that he put together may not be the same ones that are now online. The tests online are changed from time-to-time. Ken said that he has a list of those members who have completed NIMS courses and is keeping an electronic copy of their certificates in PDF format. The electronic copies are available on disks and jump drives. Rick, WV8DOC, said that you can go on the website of WVREDI.ORG and sign up. Once you sign up you can list all of the NIMS courses you have completed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. After a couple of delays the TV Satellite Dish has been installed along with the two Satellite Receivers. The receivers are not in service yet since the problem with receiver service cards hasn't been resolved. Members of the group are engineering a way to mount the two 32-inch TVs in the trailer. The group is also trying to get some of the radios programmed with additional frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing major has been done with for the 2011 Hamfest. Terry is getting ready to print out donation letters to pass out to businesses asking for donation for the Hamfest. It was suggested that we not use donation of food cards as door prizes, as some of them can only be redeemed locally. If we do get food cards they would be placed on a table for any who wants to pick them up. A list of those businesses donating to the Hamfest would be displayed at the Hamfest. Bill, N8JXO, said that he would like to have a copy of the flyer that Ken passed out at the Nelsonville Hamfest. He would like to place it on the WCEC website (www.wc8ec.com). Ken said that he received an e-mail back from Ca-

bellas stating that due to budget restraints they would not be able to contribute to the Hamfest this year. We are still waiting for a response back from Wal*Mart. 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 members took a Food Handler class last month.

A few WCEC and ARES ID Cards were handed out at the meeting. Some WCEC ID Cards still need to be printed up as soon as the medical forms have been verified.

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

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website was as up-to-date as possible. A short discussion was held about putting the minutes on the site. He said that nothing about the WCEC Hamfest been posted yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since we haven't had a traffic handlers class yet it would be hard to start passing messages on the net. Maybe we can hold a class before one of the regular business meetings. We can also hold a traffic handlers class on any Saturday that we don't have other activities, since we now have access to the conference room at the Health Department. We just need to let them know when we will be there.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on a fundraising dinner. He and Terry, KC8TUE, went to the Sam's Club and put together prices for holding a Hotdog supper. He gave the prices of the how much a meal, which included two hot dogs, a bag of chips, and a soft drink would cost, and how much should be charged for the meal. Terry said he hadn't checked on the price of the Lubeck Civic Center building yet, and that he is going to wait to see if the group wants

to hold the dinner. Jerry, WV8HAM, made a motion to hold a Hot Dog Supper, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Even though it wasn't an over-enthusiast vote, it was decided to hold a Hot Dog Supper. Terry is going to get the price of the building. The date needs to be worked out. The members were advised they may be receiving telephone calls to come help with the dinner. The details would be worked out by the chairman and the committee. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that some of the activities on the schedule of events had date changes, and there can still be changes as the year goes by. Ken went over some of the event dates. Duane, N8LDM, said that by March 15th he needs 8 to 10 radio operators who are going to help with the Challenge at Mountwood so he could get the T-shirts ordered. Ken said that he would send out an e-mail to get those who are interested.

Rick, WV8DOC, has been working on the By-Law changes. There are some changes that need to be made, and some things added, like flowers for family members losing loved ones. As soon as he gets it about where we want it, a Draft copy of the By-Laws will be e-mailed out for everyone to look over, make comments and changes, and then it will be read at the meetings to make it legal. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ken, WA8LLM, gave the dates for the High School and Middle School Cross Country races. The dates would be put on the Schedule of Events list.

Jerry, WV8HAM, brought up for discussion about holding some kind of Special

Event on HF maybe commemorating the starting of Wood County Emergency Communications in 1983. We need to think about what we can do.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he is putting together operating procedures for the Health Department Communications Trailer. He would like to have the members look at the plan and get back with him. He said to check his website at WV8DOC.com and click on the green trailer at the bottom left-hand corner. He said that it is a work in progress and would like to have comments and suggestions.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a one-day Amateur Radio Technician License class and testing held on April 2nd at the Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg. The class is free, but there will be a \$14.00 test administration charge.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Meeting adjourned.

ATTENDEES

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Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
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