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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting May 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 April 5, 2011, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Duane, N8LDM, and seconded by Tyler, WV8VFD. 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 Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. 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. It made it through the storms in April with no problems.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is still working on the McDonough Foundation grant. His computer has been down, but is now back up and working. He's not been working any other grants. He said that he needs to print up some more donation letters, and get them delivered. Ken, WA8LLM, brought a catalog from Tractor Supply so that we can finish the donation grant from them. Ken said that he's been checking the mail every few days, but there have been no donations from any of the letters that have been delivered. Terry asked the group if they knew of any other organizations or

businesses that we should consider asking. It was suggested that we try Krogers and Sam's Club.

There was a reminder for members to keep track of their hours. Ken, WA8LLM, said there should be plenty of hours and miles for April, since there were at least three activities. The three activities were the Challenge at Mountwood, the Vienna Fun Run, and the Bike for a Cure. Also don't forget any meeting or classes that you have attended.

Duane, N8LDM, received one application for registration as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member, but needed a unit number.

There were no CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes held in the past month.

Ken, WA8LLM, checked to see if anyone had completed any of the NIMS courses this past month. Ken says he still has some of the newer members' certificates that need to be put on the list. Ken said the only courses that most of the Public Safety people are required to take are 100, 200, 700, and 800, but there are some other communications courses that are interesting the members might want to take.

Ken, KB8QPW, has been working to get the TVs mounted on the Health Department Communications trailer. They would not mount where we were looking at, but where he has been looking at mounting them will work.

Jim, KD8ITI, wants the group to call the Internet Satellite people about the system and see if we can get it working. It was decided to work on some of the problems on Friday the 6th. Jim, KD8ITI, has ordered a tone Encoder to be placed on the High Band Public Safety Radio.

Bill, N8JXO, said the Hamfest Page is now available at wc8ec.com. He will update it whenever door prizes, or main prizes, become available. Ken, KB8QPW, talked to Chris Pedersen with the Life Support Helicopter. Chris said that he would love to bring the Helicopter to the Hamfest. Cathy, KC8DJJ, is working on badges for those who will be helping at the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, handed out about 50 Hamfest flyers at the Athens Hamfest. He forgot to take them to the Charleston Hamfest. He will try to take some to the Jackson County Hamfest. 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 WCEC members took any Food Handler class last month.

Ken, WA8LLM, took some member picture before and after the meeting. The pictures would be used for new ID Cards for those who have either got the Amateur License, or changed their call sign, or became a WCEC member.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, was in a COML (ICS Communications Group Leader) class, he was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no report on the Aluminum Cans to be recycled.

Bill, N8JXO, said the wc8ec.com website is as up-to-date as possible, with the exception of last month's minutes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since we now have access to the Health Department conference room that we can plan on holding a traffic handlers class at that location. Ken

said that he would like to start having one piece of traffic passed on the Sunday net each week.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on a fund raising dinner. He did get a price for the use of the Lubeck Civic Center building this past week. He said that we can get the building for the whole day for \$135. We can have the building from 6 am until midnight, provided the date we decide to hold the dinner is open. Terry said that we need to set a date and make sure we have enough people to help. A short discussion followed. Terry said that Rick, WV8DOC, has a list of prices, including the minimum cost on deliver orders.

Duane, N8LDM, gave a report of the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. He said that it was a beautiful day, and that everyone did a great job of communications. He said there were 229 racers that had registered. He was concerned that some of the racers had missed some of the trail, but after talking to some of the communicators on the trail, it was decided that it was just a fast race due to the dry trail.

A copy of the changes to the By-Laws were emailed out. There were a couple of changes that needed to be explained. It was decided to wait until Rick, WV8DOC, was at the meeting so he could explain the changes. Everyone should look over the By-Laws and bring their concerns to the June Business meeting. A short discussion followed.

Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he is still thinking about holding a Special Event Station (SES). He thinks that we need to do a demonstration of Amateur Radio. It was thought that maybe we can do the SES at the WV Interstate Fair on one of the days when we are not busy. Jerry said that most SESs are for a whole weekend, but it doesn't need to last that long; one day or afternoon would work fine. Most of the time

stations that work an SES would like to get a certificate. It was suggested that we have a QSL Card instead of a certificate. We would need to have a name for the SES. Jerry will think about what the SES will be called. Bill, N8JXO, suggested that we might to check with the fair board to see if it would be okay to use their name for the SES.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report about the operation plan for the Health Department Communications Trailer. There was a short discussion about an organization in California that kept all of their passwords secret, and when they needed them, no one knew what they were. They had problems at their emergency activity. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Vienna Road Run. He said that it rained and everyone got wet. When Lou Molinaro gets the T-Shirts, he will get them to those who worked.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Bike For a Cure Bike Ride & Race. Kristine Green with the Health Department was very satisfied with the event. She said that it might be held again next year. Ken said there were 57 Riders and Racers that had registered for the event, 25 were Racers and 27 were Riders. Problems were discussed for next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the Athens Hamfest. It rained all day. There was no outdoor Flea Market. He did take WCEC Hamfest Flyers to the Hamfest.

There was a reminder the Jackson County Hamfest would be May 15th.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be a one-day General Radio class which would be starting at 12 noon on May 14th. The class should last about 5 hours with VE

Testing following at 6:00 pm. If the class works out, there will be another class on June 11th.

Field Day will be held on June 25th and 26th. There are a few things that we need to work on before that weekend. We need to be able to use HF Winlink Packet to connect to an Internet Site to pass about 12 Radiogram messages. We need to get enough computers so that we can do our logging using the network logging program. We need to make sure we can use the Network Logging system.

Just another reminder: there will be a work party on Friday at the Health Department Communication Trailer.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought a \$90 rent bill for the use of the Lubeck Civic Center. It was just like an ongoing bill, there was no voting to stay at the Civic Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, got an email from Terry Moore at the Airport. Terry said that if we wanted to use a room at the airport, there might be one coming available, if we want it. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he had talked to Terry Moore at a grant writing class about a room. Gary, KC8ZZS, said he has worked with Terry Moore, and wants to be in on the negotiations when it becomes available. Ken said that we need to get back with Terry Moore and see what we need to do.

There will be a Safety Fair on May 21st, at WVUP. They have invited WCEC to come to the event. The officials would like to have their own communications, and not rely on any of the Fire Ground frequencies. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he could provide a repeater and hand-held radios. The fair starts at 10:00 am.

The Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be held on May 21st also. The race starts and ends at the Parkersburg High School. The race starts at 8:00 am.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a new CERT Class starting at the Health Department Tuesday May 10th, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the church on Broadway Ave. wants the use of the 24' by 80' canopy for some kind of activity. The canopies will be used from June 13th to the 17th. Last year we received a check in the amount of \$150 for the use of the canopies for a Halloween Party. They will be giving another donation. We just need to get some help setting up the canopies.

Also a 24' by 40' canopy is needed on July 9th for a class reunion on Old St. Marys Pike, for which we should be getting a donation. Since we no longer have the Safety Breaks this might be a way to cover those loses.

Bob, KD8PYF, wanted to let everyone know the Community Emergency Response Team Website is in operation. The web address is: mov-cert-wv.org. He says the site has links to the NIMS courses. Bill, N8JXO, is going to add a link from the wc8ec.com website to the CERT website.

Mark, AB8WV, said there will be VE testing on Field Day.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277
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
Tyler Lewis WV8VFD/Unit 351
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359
Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361
Dustin Cline, KD8PXX/Unit 366
Jason Stull, KD8OSU/Unit 367
Larry Stevens KD8PYM/Unit 370
Brianna Harris Unit 299B
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N
Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371
Amanda Mercer
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