



Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting November 1, 2011

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 4, 2011, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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 Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Gary, KC8ZZS. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater comes up some times and identifies by itself. And some times it will identify in CW while people are talking on it. The TouchTone that you hear from time-to-time is the time the repeater is supposed to identify in CW.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is back working on the McDonough Foundation Grant again. He said the grant has been re-written to exclude the Laptop Computers. He said that instead of computers, he is going to ask for 10 handheld GPS Receivers. The projectors are still on the list, and one extra bulb which cost about \$400. He said that he needs to get last year's budget. He has heard nothing back from the donation letters. Rick, WV8DOC, wanted to know if the GPS Receivers are going to be the same ones that Tyler County uses. Terry said that it was.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members to keep track of their hours. He read off some of the activities that had several hours.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there would be a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) exercise in Vienna at the church behind Sam's Club, on November 12th. The exercise will be a simulated tornado hitting the church. The exercise will start at 10:00am. Rick said there would be a project Life Saver class in Elizabeth on November 8th and 9th. Ken said that he would forward the E-Mail to anyone interested. Rick had a couple other items that would be brought up under new business. Rick talked about a new West Virginia issued CERT ID Card. A short discussion followed.

There was no report on RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service). Ken, WA8LLM, said the 100, 200, 700, and 800 course books are still

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available for those who haven't completed the courses. The agency in Charleston who is in charge of completed courses needs everyone to update their records. There was E-Mail sent out the on-line course system was having a problem, and would be down for a while. If you complete a course on line, you may, or may not, get your certificate. A short discussion followed.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that nothing has changed on the Health Department Communications trailer. Ken said that he tested the satellite Internet on the trailer the day before the WCEC meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Hamfest. He said that we took in \$1630. After the overhead was taken off, we made about \$181. But, we still have a mobile radio, a handheld radio, two multimeters, 16 world maps, and several books. If all of the lift over prizes were added there would be about \$384. Lisa, KB8UER, reminded the group about the \$500 donation from Waste Management for the Hamfest. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there were 113 main tickets sold. It was suggested that we use the Raffle Account as the Hamfest Account. Any donation money that would be collected during the year would be deposited in that account. A short discussion followed.

The WCEC T-Shirts are on hold. Terry, KC8TUE, said we would either have to go back to Shirt Factory, or he would talk to the man across the road from his house to see if he was getting back in business. There was a discussion about buying the T-Shirts and having them printed. Rick, WV8DOC, suggested that we buy the T-Shirts, and have them printed or embroidered at the prison in Moundsville. Ken, WA8LLM, said he checked out the T-Shirts at Craft 2000. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has a bunch of Aluminum Cans.

There was no report on the www.wc8ec.com website. Ken, KB8QPW, said the last time he check it, it was up to date. The Pancake Breakfast is on hold until after the first of the year. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he still hasn't received any feedback for the Operations Plan for the Health Department Communications Trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the building at the Airport. Gary, KC8ZZS, had suggested that we see if we can work in the building. Ken said that he would try to talk to Terry Moore about getting in the building to work.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Flu Clinic on November 2nd and 3rd. The Health Department Communications Trailer was taken to the event. After the system got set up, the Satellite Internet speed was not fast enough to be used as the Flu Clinic needed. Amateur Radios were set up for Show-N-Tell, but there were no visitors. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Woof Fest. They only used one 24 by 40 canopy this year.

The WCEC group was never asked to help with communications for Parkersburg Catholic Road Run. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the On The Run and Walk shoe store. He found out the road run was supposed to be October 17th, not the 16th. While at the store, Ken, asked about the Wendy's Fun Run. He was told that it wouldn't be held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said The Broadway Church of Nazarene used two of the 24 by 40 foot canopies for their Halloween Party. Brad, KC8TYU, Cathy,

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KC8DJJ, Dot, KC8HAI, and himself took the canopies down, but there was no one around. Ken would give a report at the December meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Kanawha County SET (Simulated Emergency Test). The SET was held on October 29th. Ken said that he picked up 7 messages during the test.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on adding the E-Mail addresses to the YAHOO Group. Rick said that he is going to put all of the E-Mails addresses that Ken, WA8LLM, sent him, on the YAHOO Group. If the people don't want to get the YAHOO Group messages, they can have their address removed. There are new WCEC patches for sell if anyone wants one or more. They are \$2.00 each. They can be ironed or sewed on to jackets and such.

Bob, KB8RNE, questioned if there is some kind of portable steps that can be used to get into the Health Department Communications Trailer when it is set up. At the present time Ken, KB8QPW, has been using a set of steps that he purchased at Harbor Freight. We need to look into getting a set for the trailer.

New Business

VE Testing will held on November 12th, at 6:00pm at the Health Department, 211 6th Street.

Ken, KB8QPW, wanted to know if there would be any Technician Class Radio License classes held soon. Ken, WA8LLM, is thinking about putting one together because he has several people wanting to get their licenses.

There was a discussion about the two radios that were left over from the Hamfest. It was suggested that we have a Raffle for the two radios. Gary, KC8ZZS, suggested that we sell the radios on E-Bay. Gary said that he would try to sell the mobile on E-Bay. Gary said that he was interested in purchasing the handheld. Gary, KC8ZZS, made a motion to try to sell the mobile on E-Bay for any amount above the price it was purchased for, Dave, N8NWV, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about putting together a sign-up list sheet with a list of events in 2012. The list would be passed around for the members to say if they will help with the activity. The list will be put together around the first of the year.

There will be a Mid Ohio Valley CERT Meeting on November 28th at 6:00pm.

New ID Card pictures with a flag for the back drop is being taken. A few pictures were taken before the meeting started. Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone their medical card information needs to be updated, if not done so already.

Christmas Dinner, will be held before the December meeting. The dinner will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center.

There will be another Flu Clinic November 2nd at the City Park. There will be a Nation Wide Emergency Alert System (AES) test on November 9th at 2:00pm.

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There will be a CPR/AED class held at the Health Department on November 7th.

Ken, KB8QPW has an 800 MHz JEM Net Radio he would like to sale if anyone interested. He only wants \$100.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Meeting adjourned.

Those in Attendance

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Barb Nohe, KD8SQY/Unit 375, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jeremy Moss