

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting October 4, 2011

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 24 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 6, 2011, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, 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 Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that it still works. Ken wasn't able to make it to the repeater site during Volcano Days to work on the controller. The rain made it difficult to go anywhere. He said that he can at least shut the repeater down for the Simplex Net, so that part is working. He said that once in awhile it will identify in CW.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that due to the work on the Hamfest, he has not been able to do anything on the grants. He said that he hasn't heard anything back about the donation letters that were passed out. The only donations that we have received are the ones from Universal Radio for the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members

to keep track of their hours. He said we had the High School/Middle School Cross Country Races, Show-N-Tell at the Parkersburg City Building, Volcano Days BINGO, the GPS Training Class, and the radio nets and meetings.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there was no report on any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) activities coming up.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they haven't completed the ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, that the books were still available. Just download the test from the Internet, find the answers in the books, and complete the course on line.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the Health Department Communications trailer. He said that water had gotten into the LNA of the satellite dish that caused it not to work. If it ever goes bad again, the whole system will need to be replaced, since there is no more spare parts.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on a Hamfest. He and Ken, WA8LLM, went to Universal Radio in Columbus on Wednesday, September 28th, to pick up the radios for the Hamfest. While up there they picked up several door prizes. On the following Monday Terry and Cathy, KC8DJJ, started putting together a list of door prizes that were going to be given away at the five minute drawings. He said there will be

some last minute changes with additional door prizes coming in. He said the Hamfest is ready to go. We need to find out who is going to help set up, work, and tear down at the Hamfest. Ken, KB8QPW, has been working with the Air Evacuation company about getting one of their Helicopter at the Hamfest for Show-N-Tell. He said they need a Fire Truck at the landing site. Mineral Wells VFD was going to be burning a house for training on Saturday during the Hamfest, and would not have one available. There was some discussion about taking the Health Department Communications Trailer down for Show-N-Tell, and also do the VE Testing in it. There are several ways it may be taken to the Hamfest. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the T-Shirts are on hold until we decide where to order them. Terry, KC8TUE, said the person who lives near him may be starting his T-Shirt printing business back up. He will check with him. It was suggested that Craft 2000 has a bunch of T-Shirts they are selling. Ken said that he would check on them the next time he goes to the store.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has a stack of Aluminum Cans about five feet high beside his house.

Bill, N8JXO, said he put a banner up on the www.wc8ec.com website for Universal Radio. Universal Radio gave WCEC a good deal on the radios, and a lot of door prizes for the Hamfest, and it was worth putting their name on the website.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Dinner Fund Raising Committee is putting the Pancake Breakfast on hold until after the Hamfest. Terry, KC8TUE, said the Lubeck Civic Center building is not available on the planned date of November 12th. He said the closest date the building would be available would be after the first of the year. It was suggested that we might contact one of the

volunteer Fire Departments to use their fire station for the breakfast.

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. The last time he talked to Terry Moore at the Airport, he said there had been a trash dumpster sitting beside the building. He didn't get to talk to anyone about the material in the building before they finished cleaning it out. Terry is going to keep an eye on the building, and let us know when it's vacant. If the coax cables that are coming from the tower, and going into the building get moved, it is an indication the FAA is no longer using the building, and we should be able to take over and install the electric meter. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the WCEC patches. Some of the members would like to get another one. The group decided to order some more patches. WCEC pays about \$3.25 each and is selling them to the members at \$2.00. It was decided order 50 more patches.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races and other High School/Middle School races. Ken tried to use his UHF Repeater for the races, but it didn't work right. They decided to use Amateur Radio UHF Simplex.

Amateur Radio VE testing will be held at the Hamfest on October 8th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department is going to hold a Flu Clinic at the City Park on Thursday, October 6th. They want to use the Health Department Communications trailer to provide Internet service. They want some of the members of

WCEC there on Wednesday evening to get the Internet set up. They also want WCEC to be there during the clinic to make sure the Internet doesn't fail. Ken said that since it was supposed to be a pretty day, we should set up Amateur Radio for Show-N-Tell. We should have a captive audience. Bill, N8JXO, suggested that we have Hamfest Flyers and WCEC brochures available. A lengthy discussion was held.

The Woof Fest will be held on Sunday, October 9th, at Mountwood Park. The officials would like to use one of our 24 by 40 foot canopies.

Parkersburg Catholic High School Road Run may be held on October 22nd. WCEC hasn't been asked to help yet.

Wendy's Fun Run, may be held on October 29th. WCEC hasn't been asked to help yet.

Broadway Church of Nazarene needs the two 24 by 40 canopies for their annual Community Halloween Party on Monday, October 31st.

Wirt County Office of Emergency Services will be holding a Show-N-Tell at Camp Barb on Saturday, October 29th.

The Kanawha County ARES group will be holding their Simulated Emergency Exercise on October 29th. They would like to have communications between Kanawha County and Wood County. We may try to provide the communications link from the Heath Department Communications trailer while at the Wirt County Show-N-Tell.

Jerry, WV8HAM, talked about a better way to communicate WCEC information. Rick, WV8DOC, said that that if he can get all of the member's E-Mail addresses, he would put them in the WCEC yahoo.com group. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would send him all of the E-Mail addresses that he uses. If anyone wants to get out of the group they can be removed.

Tyler, WV8VFD, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Crystal Wilson KD8LOB/Unit 361
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
David Baker
Kyle Riser KD8PYM/Unit 368
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264
Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265
Tyler Lewis WV8VFD/Unit 351
Kelly Straley
Matt Greathouse N8GDM/Unit 363
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364