

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting September 6, 2011

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 2, 2011, minutes, as they were emailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Gary, KC8ZZS. 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 Brent, KD8DLX, and seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. Ken still hasn't found the time to get back up to the repeater site to work on the controller. Ken, KB8QPW, had an idea that the controller may have gotten into the programming mode causing it to act the way it is. From time to time the repeater does identify in CW. Ken H thinks he may try to get to the repeater site during Volcano Days if he gets the time, and the weather permits.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the only grant that he has been working on is the McDonough Foundation Grant. He will try to get it sent in when some of the other activities slow down. He's been working on door prizes for the Hamfest. He said that he has copies of the donation letters if anyone wants to pass them out.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members

to keep track of their hours. He said we had the BINGO at the Parkersburg Homecoming, the Parkersburg Half Marathon, and the Homecoming Parade.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that nine or ten people took CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class in Ritchie County. He said that most organizations were getting ready for safety activities since September is Public Safety month.

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. Ken said that he has read where several Amateur Radio Clubs are requesting their members to complete those courses. Also several Emergency Service Directors are requiring Amateur Radio operators to have the completed the courses before working with them.

Ken, KB8QPW, and Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. The company who provides the satellite service sent a technician up to work on the system. The satellite is now working fine. We found out there is no 24/7 service for High Speed Internet. If we need more bandwidth, we need to let the company know during normal business hours. A request for more bandwidth needs to be sent via email so they will have a copy of it. Bill did some clean-up of the equip-

ment and spare parts that were left over during radio and computer installation. Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a Show-and-Tell of the trailer at the Parkersburg City Building on September 29.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on a Hamfest meeting held at the Health Department. Those at the meeting were Ken, Bill (N8JXO), Cathy (KC8DJJ), Terry (KC8TUE), and Dot (KC8HAI). The group decided on the radios that would be given away as main prizes. The HF radio is an Alinco DX-SR8T. The Mobile Radio is a Yaesu FT-1900R, and the portable is a Wouxun UVD1P/4. The radios will be coming from Universal Radio. At the present time the Alinco is on back order, but they said that it would be here in time for the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a total of seven radios ordered. Depending on how the Extra Ticket sales go, the other radios may also be given away. If they aren't given away as main prizes, they will either be sold, raffled off, or held for next years Hamfest. There are plenty of door prizes, with more to come. There will be 34 five minute drawings. Terry said that he has talked to Ken, WV8EER, and he said that he may be able to get four First Aid Kits. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the T-Shirts are on hold until with find out if Ken, WV8EER, will be able to print the shirts, if WCEC purchases them.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has received a few more Aluminum Cans.

Bill, N8JXO, said the wc8ec.com website is as up-to-date as it can be after Ken, WA8LLM, sent him the last few DAREN News and ARES Bulletins.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Dinner Fund Raising Committee is planning to hold Pancake Breakfast in November. The date needs to be set. The committee wants to

make sure that Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department isn't holding some kind of fund raiser the same weekend.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he's received no additional feedback for the Operations Plan for the Health Department Communications Trailer. Rick said to look at his website (wv8doc.com) and click on the MECS-1 picture to see the Operations Plan as it stands.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the building at the Airport. Rick, WV8DOC, found a basic floor plan of the building. He re-drew the floor plan and put some room measurements on it. Those who meet at the building last month, a few days after the meeting, were figuring which rooms would be which. While at the building Ken talked to Terry Moore, the Airport Manager about how much rent would be. Terry said the only cost for the building was for the electricity that is used. Ken ordered, and has received, a Kilowatt-hour Meter to measure the amount electricity being used. After the FAA has their radios removed from the building, Ken will install the meter. Ken said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, stopped at the Airport on the way to the meeting. It looks like the FAA has been cleaning out the building. They didn't go in the building but they measured it from the outside. The building is 102 feet long and is 24 feet deep. It was suggested that a building committee be put together. When it gets closer to getting into the building, a committee will be put together. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Bureau of Public Debt has donated five 6 foot tables, three 4 foot tables, and six 6 foot equipment racks. At the present time they are stored in the old Airport Terminal building.

New Business

There will be VE Testing on September 10th at 6:00 pm at the Health Department.

The Chic-Fil-A Cross County High School/Middle School will be September 10th at Wood County 4-H Campgrounds. Those wanting to help, need to be on location by 8:00 am. The first race starts at 9:00 am.

There will also High School/Middle School Cross Country races held on September 20th and Elementary School Cross Country races held on September 27th.

Mineral Well VFD will be holding a Pig Roast on September 10th at the fire station. They want to borrow one of the 24 by 40 canopies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were WCEC Patches for sell. The patches were purchased through the Tyler County Office of Emergency Services. Anyone wanting to purchase a patch, they are \$2.00 each. The group paid \$3.50 each.

There will be GPS training at the Health Department on September 19th. Anyone wanting to take the training class should contact Kristine Green at the Heath Department.

Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know what frequency was being used for the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He said the officials at his Water Stop wanted to know when to set up their water stand. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff, N8WQO. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298
Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276
Larry Stevens KD8PYN
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282