

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting April 3, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 23 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 6, 2012, minutes as they were emailed was made by Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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 treasurer's report was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Jennifer, KC8UYB. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater system is missing at least one remote receiver. During the last major lightening storm that went through the area two weeks before, a lightening strike damaged or destroyed several radios at his house including the carrier squelch remote receiver. He doesn't know if any other damage was done to the system.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the McDonough Foundation Grant has been submitted, all we can do now is wait and see.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he had donation letters with him at the meeting. He had copies of both letters, ones for the building, and some for the Hamfest. Anyone wanting to can take some with them. He wants to print up some more to hand out. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we need to send donation letters to some of the manufacturing companies to ask for prizes for the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a reminder to everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for grant applications. Give them to himself or to Terry, KC8TUE. Rick, WV8DOC, said he saw somewhere that some companies

know of the importance of volunteer hours where it is valued at \$11.00 or more an hour. Some companies donate to non-profit organizations where their employees work. Ken talked about project hours and regular volunteer hours. A discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) report. Rick said the IC-100 NIMS Class will be coming up on April 14th. The Bike for Cure bike race & ride will be held April 28th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Duane, N8LDM, has been out of town for classes and hasn't got a list of the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) members. Ken will try to contact Duane before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some of the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 course books available for those who need them. He said that if anyone finishes any NIMS courses to let him know, and send a copy of their certificate.

Ken, KB8QPW, reported that he checked on MECS1 (the Health Department Communications Trailer) again and the Internet satellite dish did deploy for a change. He said that it took about 30 minutes to lock on. Ken said that he talked to Tom Cooper, WV8TOM,

Director of Office of Emergency Services Tyler County. He said Tom was going to drop his satellite service and go to Wild Blue. Tyler County and Wood County are presently using the same service. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a paper for those members who are going to be active put their T-shirt size on. Ken wants to get the number of T-shirts needed to obtain a price quote. T-shirts will only go to the members that are going to be participate in WCEC activities.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he still has some aluminum cans that need to be taken to Rick, KC8VLM, and Jenny, KC8UYB. He's not sure if we should keep the aluminum can project going. It was suggested that we keep the project going for a while.

Bill, N8JXO, said the WCEC website is up to date. He said the person who sends him the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins hasn't sent him any for several weeks. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would do better. Since he lost his main computer, he is trying to get everything put back together and get caught up. Bill said that he has corrected the dates of the VE Testing.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Pancake Breakfast is still set for Saturday, May 5th, at the Lubeck Civic Center Building. Cathy talked to her boss at the Nursing Home and he told her to give him a shopping list and he would see that she gets it as a donation. She said that Larry, KC8TRQ, is getting a \$50 gift card from his place of employment to be used as it is needed. She may need to get some more supplies for the breakfast, and she can get them from the Sam's Club with the gift card. She said that Dot, KC8HAI, has most of the other items needed for the breakfast. Any one who has a grill is welcome to bring it to cook on. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, says has received no comments or input from the members about the MECS1 Operations Manual.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard if the FAA has vacated the building at the Airport. As soon as he hears about the building, the building committee will go talk to Terry about the lease and insurance. A short discussion followed. Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the insurance. He said the insurance would be about \$275 a year for a \$500,000 insurance policy. A discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said all of the WCEC patches have been sold, and no one has asked for any more. If anyone wants patches, we can order them.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that Gary, KC8ZZS, did sell the Yaesu FT-1900R on E-Bay and that he has the money in hand. Gary will be leaving for Africa in May, and will be gone for a couple of weeks. If we don't talk to him before he leaves, we get in contact with him when he returns.

The 2012 Activities List was passed around for those who want to sign up for the activities.

There are a couple of pictures that need to be taken and some medical forms that needs to be verified or filled in for the ID cards. Ken, WA8LLM, will take the pictures at the end of the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM still hasn't received a copy of the Airport Emergency Operations Plan so that we can see how Wood County Emergency Communications fits into their plan.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he got an E-Mail from Duane, N8LDM, about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. The race is still on, and will be held on Sunday, April 15th. Duane says he only needs 8 to 10 people for the race. He said that a lot of the bad locations have been removed from the course. The race starts at 12 Noon. Everyone should be on their location by 11:00 am. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Rick, WV8DOC, still haven't heard anything about the new about the re-writing the County Emergency Plan.

The draft copy of the plan was supposed to be available to look over by the end of February or the middle of March.

Ken WA8LLM, gave a report on the SKY-WARN Weather Class that was held on March 13th. He felt the class wasn't as good as the one held about a month earlier. The new combined class didn't seem any different then the original basic class.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may go to the Court House and pay the \$200 for the rent of the building being used for the Hamfest. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is putting together a list of manufactures that we are going to request door prizes from. Ken showed the group some items that could be purchased at a reasonable price and could be used as door prizes.

There was a reminder of the Vienna Road Run. The date for the Vienna Road Run will be April 21st. Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a copy of last year's map for those who want to help. If you want the same location just pencil it on the map.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Artsbridge at WVUP. Everyone he talked to felt the crowd was down. It was still a great event.

There was a reminder about the one day Amateur Radio Technician License class on June 9th in Parkersburg, at the Health Department.

There was a reminder that Field Day will be June 23rd and 24th. Sammy, N8SVX, and Ken, WA8LLM, have been playing with the Field Day logging program, and connecting through the EnGenius AP/Nodes. Ken explained some of the experiments they did.

There will be W5YI VE Testing on Saturday, April 14th, at 6:00 PM at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street in Parkersburg.

The Chic-Fil-A Road Run, will be held on May 19th. The race starts at the Parkersburg High School, winds around North End, and ends up back at the High School stadium.

## **New Business**

There will a one day technician class at Spencer in Roane County. The class will be held on April 7th.

The Woof Fest at Mountwood Park will be held on October 7th. They want one or two canopies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, Director of Tyler County Office of Emergency Services, wants him and any other WCEC members that would like, to go to a search and rescue exercise in Pocahontas County. WCEC would help provide the communications for the Tyler County Search and Rescue Team. The exercise will be May 11th, 12th, and 13th.

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

## **Attendees**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287  
Roy Green KD8PYC/Unit 372  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268  
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A  
Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369  
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255  
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278  
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357  
Crystal Wilson KD8LOB/Unit 361  
Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265  
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264  
Kyle Riser KD8PYM/Unit 368