

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting December 4, 2012

After the group enjoyed a Christmas dinner, the monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 40 members and guests present. Ken said that since it was a Christmas dinner the meeting was going to be short. A lot of the items would be held off until the January meeting.

A motion to accept the November 6, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, 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 Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that Matt, N8MDG, put together another Remote Receiver, and exchanged it with the E-911 Receiver, since it was the one that was making a squealing noise. Matt took the old Remote Receiver apart and found several screws that were loose, which he tightened. He thinks the unit may be okay now. Matt has another tower site in mind to place a Remote Receiver. If the one pulled out of E-911 is okay, he's thinking about placing it at the new tower site. Ken said that if he gets the Remote Receiver which he pulled out of the Williamstown site working, that he may move it to the Elizabeth Hill tower site. That will cover a lot of Wirt County and the Rt 47 area. Ken said that he wished Matt could have made the dinner/meeting, that he wanted to thank him for all the work he has been putting into the repeater. Matt also maintains his repeater on 444.925 MHz.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he has heard nothing positive about any of the grants. The

ones he hears back from are not approved because the group is not a Fire, Law Enforcement, or Rescue organization. He said that he has a couple other places he will apply through, but he said he won't hold his breath. He will start working on them at the first of the year. He gave a report on the donation letters. He has several of them printed up and will make a list of the businesses, and start delivering them at the first of the year. He said that he is also thinking of other fund raising ideas.

There was a reminder for everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for grant applications.

There was no CERT report. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to Elizabeth on November 20th and taught the first half of a CERT Communications Class to their CERT Team. He said the second half of the class would be taught sometime in January.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the NIMS courses, IS-100, 200, 700, and 800.

A report on the Health Department Communications Trailer was held off until the January meeting.

A report on the T-Shirts would be held off until the January meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is up to date.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we are still trying to find insurance at a price that we can afford before we can move into the building at the airport. Terry, KC8TUE, said he would start going through the phone book and checking with other insurance companies. Terry is still working with the insurance company that commissioner Couch suggested.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there's not much use to hold off till the January meeting the MOU with the Sheriff's Department, since the Sheriff didn't get re-elected. The new Sheriff has never attempted to work on an MOU when he was the Sheriff before. Things may change, but only time will tell. Ken said that he is going to get MOU's signed with some of the other county OES Directors who are going to be at the Hospital exercise which will be held on December 6th.

Moving the cabinets from building to another building at the airport will be held until the January meeting.

A work group to clean up the Sand Hill tower would be held off until the January meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard anything from Universal Radio about the radios that have been ordered. The new ones will replace the ones that can not be used on the Public Safety frequencies, since they will not go Narrow Band. Since the salesman who Terry worked with passed away things have been delayed, but they did promise to have them by the end of December. Terry will stay in contact with them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been so busy with the Hospital exercise and the repeater, that he didn't get the medical forms finished for the ID Cards. He is still hoping to have the 2013 ID Cards at the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a Hospital drill on Thursday, December 6th. WCEC will be providing the communications for the drill. The exercise will involve at least six hospitals in seven counties. A lot of communications will be held using radio. At one time during the drill all telephone service will be lost and all communications will be handled by radio. Ken has been working with all of the counties involved, trying to make sure there will be Amateur Radio operators at all of the locations. Packet Radio and voice radio on both VHF and HF frequencies will be used. Jim, KD8ITI, said there are supposed to be about 26 officials at the SIMCELL at the Health Department. Ken said the portable PBX Telephone system will be set up for the officials to use. The SIMCELL will be in the first floor conference room, and the Radio Communications Center will be in the fourth floor conference room. Additional antennas will be placed on the roof of the Health Department for the additional radios that will be used. Jim said the Health Department purchased an HF station which has been installed with the HF antenna. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8GWP, gave a report on the trailer that his neighbor has for sale. He said they are talking about placing the trailer in the Bulletin Board. They are asking \$2500, but for the WCEC group they will let us have it for \$2000. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has pulled the trailer a couple of times and it pulls easy. He and Mat have looked at how it could be set up as a communications trailer to replace the one which is falling apart. The tongue of the present trailer is about to break off. It was

repaired about five years ago, but it is starting break again. There were different suggestion on how to put the money together to purchase the trailer. The group was reminded that we still need to pay for the replacement radios that will be coming in, and that we have bills to pay before our first BINGO games in August. A short discussion followed.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, has started the list of schedule of events for 2013. He said that he stopped at the "On the Run and Walk" and talkrd to Dorsey Chevront about the dates for the High School and Middle School races. Dorsey said it would be a couple weeks before the dates were set. He would contact Ken when they are set. Terry, KC8TUE, said the Parkersburg Homecoming should be August 16, 17, 18. A short discussion about hold a Soupbean supper in July was held, since we won't be doing the BINGO at the fair, and maybe holding a pancake breakfast in May.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Meeting adjourned.

Those in Attendance

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Colt Wotring Unit 299G
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253
Brianna Harris Unit 299B
Brian Harris Unit 299E
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A
Ashlee Wright Unit 299F
Leland Wright Unit 299L
Andy Wright
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274
Amy Stevens Unit 299H
Emily Stevens Unit 299K
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369
Jim Peterson
Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375
Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Susie Davidson, KC8AFA/Unit 284
Jim Rose KD8ITI
Kim Rose KD8ITH
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288
Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373
Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294
Harry Deitzler