

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting February 7, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:02 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the January 3, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, 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 treasurer's report was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater seems to be working just fine. With weather going to be turning bad it will be awhile before he tries to get to the tower site. It may be spring before he gets to work on it.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that nothing else has been done on the grants, but he is still working on them.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has a Donation Letter put together for this year. He has them for both donation to the organization, and for the Hamfest. He just needs to print them up and then we need to get a group together to start hand delivering them.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for grant applications. Just about any Amateur Radio or class and training activities can be counted. They can give them to either himself or to Terry, KC8TUE.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on some of the activities that are going to be happen-

ing with the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) this year. He said to check on the CERT Website for activities that are coming up, or are being planned.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Eric Taylor, the new Parkersburg Fire Chief. Since Eric is just getting started in the job, he would like to get things in hand before starting to take on a project such as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) program.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jennifer, KC8UYB, and Rick, KC8VLM, have completed some more of the NIMS courses, and sent him copies of them. The NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 course books are still available for those who need them. Rick, WV8DOC, is planning to have classroom classes on 100, 200, 700, and 800 when time becomes available probably toward the fall.

Ken, KB8QPW, reported that he checked on the Health Department Communications Trailer within the last day or so. He tried to deploy the Internet Satellite Dish, but it would not locate the Satellite. He was

unable to get the Internet to work. Rick, KC8VLM, said that truckers use a Satellite Internet system call V Que. He was going to check on the cost of the system. A short discussion followed.

Discussions are still underway about the WCEC T-Shirts. Nothing has been determined about them yet. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to put together a list of those who are active with our events and needs T-Shirts.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he still has some Aluminum cans that haven't walked away yet, and that he needs to get them to Rick, KC8VLM, and Jenny, KC8UYB, to be stored in their backyard.

Bill, N8JXO, said that he is trying to keep the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website up to date. He adds or changes information as it becomes available.

The Pancake Breakfast committee is starting to talk about a pancake breakfast. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that if it doesn't happen before the 4th of July, the committee should go to the Williamstown Lyons Club breakfast and see how they do theirs.

Rick, WV8DOC, still hasn't received any feedback about the Operations Plan for the Health Department Communications Trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, and Gary, KC8ZZS, went to the Airport on the Thursday before the meeting, and met with Terry Moore. Terry didn't have a key for the building, but we could look inside some of the rooms. Terry Moore said the FAA has no working equipment in the building, but they want to clean it up. They were wanting to know what equipment WCEC would like to have, and they would not trash it. Terry Moore was told that anything the FAA wanted to leave would be okay with WCEC. WCEC would either try to use it, clean it up, or dispose of it. The FAA said they should be finished

cleaning up the building by the end of February. The FAA is leaving the old coax transmission lines in the building for WCEC to use, or get rid of. Ken said that he has a copy of the lease agreement that we need to look over and see what it means. He also said that we will need to purchase liability insurance. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last six WCEC patches were sold before the meeting. If the group wants to get any more we can get them ordered. At the present time no patches were needed to be ordered.

Since Gary, KC8ZZS, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the Yaesu FT-1900R that may be sold on E-Bay. If the radio doesn't get sold on E-Bay there are a couple of members who are interested in buying it.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around an activities list for 2012. A few more activities were checked off.

Ken, WA8LLM, is still working on the WCEC ID Cards. He said that his main computer bit the dust and needs to be worked on. He is still waiting for a list of those members who are registered with Wood County Emergency Services RACES (Radio Emergency Civil Emergency Service). Ken is able to complete some of the WCEC ID Cards. There are still some medical forms that need to be verified, or updated, before the cards can be completed. There would be some ID pictures taken after the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, is still waiting for a copy of the Airport Emergency Operations Plan so that we can look it over and see how Wood County Emergency Communications fits in the plan.

There was a reminder for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race which is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2012. Since the race is a couple weeks earlier the weather may be cold and wet. We need to think warm and dry.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Rick, WV8DOC, talked about the meeting at the Emergency Services building with the consultant who is re-writing the County Emergency Plan. A draft copy of the plan should be available to look over by the end of February or the middle of March.

There was a reminder of the SKYWARN Weather Class that will be held on March 13th at the Judge Black Annex from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has reserved the 4-H building for the Hamfest. The Hamfest will be October 13th. We need to give the 4-H group a copy of our 501c3 letter. The cost of the building has increased. The new cost is \$200.

## **New Business**

There will be W5YI VE Testing on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 PM at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street in Parkersburg.

Ken, WA8LLM, thinks the Vienna Road Run will be held on Saturday, April 14th. He hasn't heard anything from the race officials so he's not for sure about the date, or if they want our help.

The Charleston Hamfest will be held March 17th.

Artsbridge will be held on March 14th. Those wanting to help needs to be at WVUP at about 8:00 AM.

Rick, WV8DOC, needs to know what members of WCEC are CERT trained.

Matt, KD8GWP, wanted to know if there is going to be any First Aid classes held soon. No one has heard of any.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there will be a Bike for Cure, bike race & ride to be held on April 28th. He would like to operate the event as a drill, using HSEEP. A short discussion followed.

Dot, KC8HAI, said the dates on the Schedule of Events for Field Day are wrong. The right dates are June 23 & 24.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is planning to hold a one day Amateur Radio Technician License class on June 9th.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jenny, KC8UYB. Meeting adjourned.

## **Attendees**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268  
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273  
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354  
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264  
Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265  
Kyle Riser KD8PYM/Unit 368  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278  
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282