

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting July 3, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 17 members and guests present. Ken said he was surprised that amount of people showed up for the meeting, since a lot of them were without power, and still cleaning up after the June 29th wind storm.

Due to the storm of June 29th, the minutes could not be E-Mailed to the members and were only available at the meeting. The minutes were not read aloud, but were looked over by the members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. Ken, WA8LLM, said that as soon as he gets he Internet back, he will E-Mail the minutes to everyone. The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. As of the meeting the repeater is operating on battery power, and not for sure how long the commercial power will be off, or how long the batteries will last. If the repeater goes off the air, we may have to go simplex or move over to the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) repeater of 146.97 MHz. The PARK 147.39 MHz repeater is off the air due to no back-up power. Ken said that he tried to operate a simplex net on Sunday, but was unable to shut the repeater down. It was discussed that we might want to start holding the monthly simplex net on the 147.525 MHz frequency. He said that he has no idea which of the remote receivers are still in operation after the June 29th storm. He went to Williamstown to check on that receiver, but was unable to get into the gate to the transmitter. The lock owned by WCEC was cut off and laying on the ground. He needs to find someone who has

access to the gate so he can put a more secure lock in series with the rest of the ones that are there. Ken said that Matt, N8MDG, who now works for Miller Communications, has been to the remote receiver at the 911 building and said that it is working okay. Ken said the remote receiver at his house is working okay. After a lightening storm in May, he took the DR-135 radio out of MOBILECOM-1 to use as a receiver, and took out the power amplifier of the DR-435 radio and connected the exciter directly to the antenna, and put that remote receiver back in operation. The power output of the Laurel Creek remote receiver is only about 60 milliwatts, but it is making the path back to Mountwood Park where the repeater transmitter is located. Ken said that due to the weather condition changes, the two meter band is hot and you will hear all kinds of other repeaters on the frequencies in the area.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he has not heard anything about the McDonough Foundation Grant. He figures that it was not approved. Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a foundation that is operated by Harry Detizler. He said that Harry puts between \$60,000 and \$80,000 a year in the foundation. The foundation supports a lot of groups, who provides services to the public. Ken suggested that we contact the foundation at the beginning of the year, and apply for a grant.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation Letters that were sent out. Terry still has donation letters the members can hand out to the businesses in the area.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a reminder to everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for grant applications. Dave, N8NWV, turned in his hours at the meeting. When you get them compiled, give them to himself or to Terry, KC8TUE.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, there wasn't much information about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a CPR/AED class on June 25th. There was also supposed to be a CERT meeting held on June 28th. Ken couldn't give any information about either one, since he was unable to attend the events. He said there is a CERT class going to be held in Wirt County, and there would be an exercise in Wirt County on Saturday July 21st. Ken said that he would not be able to participate since he would be operating the BINGO games at the WV Interstate Fair & Expo.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the NIMS courses, IS-100, 200, 700, and 800. Ken said that on June 7th, Justin Elliot, AC8LZ, who just received his Amateur Radio license on June 6th, wanted to join WCEC. Ken explained what WCEC does and talked about the NIMS courses. Within a

very few days, Justin had finished the IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. We just need to get his membership application.

Since Ken, KB8QPW, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Health Department Communications Trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, had copies of the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) Applications, at the meeting. Anyone wanting to be registered as RACES needs to fill out the application and get it back to Ken, who will forward it to Duane, N8LDM, the Wood County Emergency Services RACES Officer.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the T-Shirt order is on hold until Rick, WV8DOC, talks to Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, the Tyler County Office of Emergency Services Director. We need to find out if the prison does silk screening on T-Shirts.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is up to date, and still operational. Bill said the contact information for the domain name has been updated. The renewal for the website is due in August.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the building at the airport is on hold until we can get the insurance and sign the lease agreement. Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, we don't know if he has been able to contact his insurance agent about getting the insurance. Purchasing the needed insurance has already been approved. It was assumed the airport would want a copy of the insurance before the lease would take affect.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he doesn't have any information about the additional 50 WCEC patches that are supposed to be ordered.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Gary, KC8ZZS, turned in \$240 from the FT-2900 that he sold on EBay, and the H/T that he purchased for himself. One hundreds of the

money went to the purchasing of gasoline for Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was no changes to the schedule of events, so the list wasn't sent around for the members present to look at.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't get the ID Cards caught up like he had hoped. Ken said that he still needs to get some of the ID Cards printed up. Since it is so late getting the ID Cards completed, the expiration dates on the new cards will be 2013.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest. Lisa, KB8UER, had told Ken that she had put in the paperwork to Waste Management for a donation. Last year Waste Management donated \$500. Terry, KC8TUE, has been in E-Mail contact with Universal Radio in Reynoldsburg, OH, about donations for the door prizes. It has been decided to order the main prize radios from Universal Radio. Terry wanted to know if there should be a Hamfest Committee. Ken asked that if anyone was interested in serving on a Hamfest Committee to speak up.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician License class held on June 9th. There was 8 people took the class and six passed the test and received their license. Barb Nohe, Unit 299N, took the test and is now KD8SQY, Unit 375. Kymber Wotring, Unit 299J took the test, but missed 3 more than needed to get her license. If she studies a little more, she will get her license and be our youngest member at 7 years old.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't have an official Field Day report. He talked about the problems with some of the equipment, the bands, the logging, and the Six Meter antenna. He will get the electronic version of the report sent to the ARRL by July 24th, and will have a hard copy of the report at the next meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, got an E-Mail from Tom Boso, who is the new coordinator for the Lubeck Civic Center building. Since the rent is due for the building, Tom will send out an invoice so we can pay the rent. It has already been approved to rent the building another year.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Harold, N8KO, had a dinner meeting with Sheriff Sandy about being a communications asset to the Sheriff's Department. Ken received a carbon copy of an E-Mail from the Sheriff to Prosecuting Attorney Wharton about writing up an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Sheriff's Department and WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that on Sunday, July 15th, at 9:00 am, the canopies tables, chairs and other equipment will be set up at the fair grounds for the BINGO games at the WV Interstate Fair & Expo. Anyone who can show up, be sure to get your mileage. Ten cents a mile will be paid for those helping set up, working the BINGO games, and tearing down.

All the money in the BINGO account needs to be transferred from the BINGO account to the regular account. The BINGO account needs to be zeroed out each year, before any other money can be deposited.

The annual WCEC Picnic will be held at the August 7th meeting. It will be covered dish. WCEC will furnish the meat and drinks. The Picnic will start at about 6:00 pm with a short business meeting to follow.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that Brad, KC8TYU, can teach a CPR/AED class if the group want it. The cost of the class is only \$5 each. WCEC will pay the cost of the class.

WCEC will also pay for anyone wanting to take a Food Handlers class through the

Health Department. Just pay for, and take the class. Bring back your receipt for reimbursement.

There was a reminder the Half Marathon will be August 18th at 8:00 am. Anyone wanting to help should contact Ken, WA8LLM.

Dave, N8TWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Rhonda Follette KD8AGL
Larry Stevens KD8PYN/Unit 370
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Brent R Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Barb Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375