

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting June 5, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 26 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 1, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, after corrections were made, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. 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 Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that he thought the system was getting worse. He thinks the Williamstown Remote Receiver may be off the air. Some of the people in the Marietta and Williamstown area are unable to use the repeater. Ken also said that he is unable to connect to the WASHOH Packet station, which is at the same tower site. He is able to connect to it from the RITCWV NODE. He said the repeater controller still needs to be looked at. It still works and it will identify if you key the repeater at the right time. One of the Remote Receivers has garbled audio, but he's not for sure which one.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he has heard nothing back from the McDonough Foundation Grant yet. That grant has 10 GPS Receivers and a computer projector on it.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he sent out 12 donation letters to manufactures for the Hamfest, but hasn't heard back about any of them. He said that he still has copies of Donation Letters for the local area, but none of the members has asked for copies of them. A short discussion followed.

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.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some of the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 course books available. He reported that he is still receiving copies of certificates of those who are taking the courses on line, and getting their certificates.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there is CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training in Wirt County on July 19th and 20th, followed by a Wirt County EMS Full Scale Exercise, with CERT involved, on July 21st from Noon till about 6:30 or 7:00 pm at Camp Barb. Rick said that he has the articles of incorporation and by-laws ready to be sent in, so the Friends of CERT should be incorporated in a couple of weeks. He said there is also a CPR/AED class coming up on June 25th at the Health Department. There is an apperception dinner at Logan's on Thursday June 21st. You need to contact Kristine Greene at the Health Department.

Ken, KB8QPW, reported the roof vent on the Health Department Communications

Trailer was left open and there was some water on the floor, but nothing was ruined. There was a discussion on the laptop computers that are in the trailer. Ken wanted to know about drilling the frame to repair the safety chain. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would check with Jim, KD8ITI, about the safety chain and the rood vent. There was a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Duane, N8LDM, is in training all week for the new radio consoles that is being installed at the 911 Center. It was suggested that we contact the 911 Center about what is going to be done with the old consoles. Ken said that he forgot to bring copies of RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) Applications, so he passed around a paper for the member, who were present, to indicate if they want to be registered as RACES with Wood County Emergency Services.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he talked to Shirt Tales on Dupont Road. He has an order on hold. The order is for 74 T-Shirts for a total of \$573.75. The T-Shirt will be identical the ones we already have. The shirts will cost 7.25 per shirt up to the Extra Large, then it goes to a dollar more per X per T-Shirt. Terry said that he has requested an estimate from the shirt business that used to be across the street from where he lives, but they have never responded back. Shirt Tales already has the logo and set up on hand. If we order them anywhere else there will be a \$30 to \$50 set up fee. A short discussion followed. It was suggested that we check with Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, Tyler County OES Director to see if the Prison does screen printing of T-Shirts. Rick, KC8VLM, asked if anyone has checked with Mike Martin from Vienna Bicycle, since they do T-Shirts. Terry said that if those with suggestions on locations give him a list, he would contact the different businesses. Terry was instructed to have Shirt Tales to hold off printing the shirts until the other businesses were contacted.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he still has some Aluminum cans at his house that need to be taken to Rick, KC8VLM, and Jenny, KC8UYB's, house. Rick feels the can project isn't working out. It was suggested the can project be dropped. The cans that we have will be turned in, and the project cancelled.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is up to date. Bill has been working on the domain name and contact information. He said the records need to be updated. The renewal for the website is due in August.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Pancake Breakfast. She said that it brought in \$125.00, which wasn't bad for the first one. She said that 32 people showed up. She is going to send out Thank You letters.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that since he has received no changes to the Operations Plan, that he is going to consider it complete.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he, Terry, KC8TUE, and Rick, WV8DOC, meet with Terry Moore at the airport. We discussed some of the terms the lease agreement. We need to start making plans on meeting at the building on Tuesdays. The airport has taken out all of the equipment they have any use for. Anything left in the building is ours to do with we want. All we need to do now is purchase the insurance, and give the airport a signed copy of the lease agreement. Ken has a key to the building. Rick, WV8DOC, said that we need to get the insurance purchased. There will also be room to park our trailers. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to sign the lease agreement with the airport, and purchase the insurance. Rick, WV8DOC, seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rick said that he would talk to his insurance agent. We may need a copy of the WCEC by-laws and constitution. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he failed to ap-

point someone to contact Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, OES Director Tyler County, to order 50 WCEC patches. It was voted to order them at the May meeting. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he would contact Tom about the T-Shirts and the patches.

A couple of the members have heard and talked to Gary, KC8ZZS, since he has returned from Africa. Ken, WA8LLM, sent Gary and E-Mail telling him that 8 of the 15 computers that he gave the organization a few months ago were ready for Field Day, but were a little short on power supplies. Ken asked him if he had any of the old ones laying around. Terry, KC8TUE, said Gary has been real busy at work, and doesn't have much time to do anything else. We'll just wait to hear back from him.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has lost track of those who need new ID Cards, since he has been trying to get the medical information caught up for everyone. He passed around a paper for those who need ID Card. Ken said he will make the expiration date for 2013, since it will be so late getting the 2012 cards done. He is hoping to get them caught up by the June Business Meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still doesn't have a copy of the Airport Emergency Plan to see how WCEC fits in. He said that he won't worry any more about it, until we start working on the building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has read over the new Wood County Emergency Operations Plan. He said that it looks pretty good. A lot of the information that Rick, WV8DOC, sent to those writing the plan was in it. The copy that was sent out was a draft copy, and some of the information could be removed by the time it is finished.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he went to the Court House and paid \$200 for the rent of the 4-H Building. He also gave them a copy of the WCEC 501c3 Tax Determination Letter. He said the building has also been

reserved for the 2013 Hamfest, if we decide to hold one.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group there would be a one day Technician Class License class held on June 9th. If anyone knows of anyone wanting to take the class tell them about the class and VE testing held the same day.

There was a reminder of Field Day that will be held on June 23rd and 24th. This year the wireless logging will be tried. Also we are going to try to get WiFi Internet to the Field Day site. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Run. He said that he could have used a few more radio operators. There needs to be some communications issues worked out for that race. There seems to be a major problem with simplex communications covering the race course. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the Woof Fest at Mountwood Park will be on October 7th. The organizers of the event will want one or two of the 24 by 40 canopies.

Matt, KD8GWP, gave a report on the Search and Rescue Exercise will be held on May 11th and 12th, in Pocahontas County. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country foot races on September 8th at the Wood County Fair grounds. The first race starts at about 9:00 am, and the last race finishes up at about 4:00 pm. The organizers of the event use one of the WCEC 24 by 40 canopies and a few other 10 by 10 canopies. The other 24 by 40 canopy is usually at the Mineral Wells VFD Pig Roast the same day.

The Wood/Washington County Cross Country foot races will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at 5:00 pm, and the Middle School Cross Country foot races will be

held on Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the rent is coming due for the Lubeck Civic Center building. He said the owners of the building are in the process of changing officers, and are a little bit late getting rent bills sent out. Terry said that we should be getting the bill in the couple of weeks.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the WCEC trailer licenses. He was informed the trailer licenses expired in 2011. Ken did some research and found they had been renewed, but he failed to get the stickers on the trailers. The stickers were located and most of them have been placed on the licenses.

There was a report on the Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social. The WCEC group operated the BINGO games at the event.

Lisa, KB8UER, presented two \$250 checks from Waste Management to WCEC. The checks were for volunteer hours to 501c3 organizations by employees of Waste Management. Lisa is still working on a third letter from another W/M employee. Lisa is also working on a donation letter to Waste Management for the Hamfest.

New Business

Deerwalk VFD Ice cream Social will be held on June 9th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported the WCEC Business License has been renewed after several tries. The cost was \$25.

The 2011 Income Tax Report for 501c3 has been completed.

The GMRS License of KAB4164 has been renewed, and is good for 5 years.

Applications for registration with the Tyler County Search and Rescue are available for those who want to respond with that group.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, received a text message from Duane, N8LDM. Duane is going to talk to Randy Lowe, Director Wood County OES, about donating the old WCES Wideband radios to WCEC. They will be outdated December 31.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. 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
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Crystal Wilson KD8LOB/Unit 361
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265
Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264
Kyle Riser KD8PYM/Unit 368
Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Michael Farnsworth KD8SCG/Unit 374
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