

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting March 6, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 22 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 7, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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 Ray, N8TWV. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said he hasn't done anything to the repeater, and it still seems to be working. He was able to shut it down on Sunday for the simplex net. Ken said that if you key the repeater just as you hear the touchtone on the repeater, it will identify. He said that maybe he will get to look at the repeater during the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. He said that he thinks all the receivers are up and working.

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 the Donation Letters put together for this year. He has them for both general donation, and for the Hamfest. Anyone wanting copies of the Donation Letters to hand out can get a hold of himself or Ken, WA8LLM. Ken said that we need to get the letters handed out as soon as possible.

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, gave a report on some of the activities that are going to be happening with the CERT (Community Emergency Re-

sponse Team) this year. He reminded everyone of the Bike for Cure Bike Ride & Race to be held on April 28th. He said there was a CERT Class in Williamstown starting tonight. Rick said there will be a CERT Class starting at Reedy VFD in Roane. Ken, WA8LLM, wants to make sure to tell those taking the Roane County CERT Class that a one day Technician Class License class will be held in the near future, the date hasn't been set yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard from Duane, N8LDM, for some time, and not for sure of the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) program. Ken needs a list of those who are registered as RACES, so he can put them on the ID Cards. Ken said that we may just fill out new RACES Applications.

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 again and the Internet Satellite Dish would not deploy, he thought maybe the bill hadn't been paid. Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Jim, KD8ITI, and he said the bill has been paid for this year. Ken R said that

he would try it again.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get a list of those who needs WCEC T-Shirts. The T-Shirts will be for those who are active, and 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, so they can be stored in a secure location. There were some cans brought to the meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website up to date. He adds or changes information as it becomes available. A discussion about going back to advertising the VE Licensing Test to every other month was held. It was suggested to have a disclaimer on the VE Testing about who administers the testing, and WCEC only advertises it.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said plans are to hold the first annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 5th, at the Lubeck Civic Center Building. The breakfast will be from 7:00 to 11:00 am. The committee is still finalizing the costs. Terry, KC8TUE, said he just received confirmation on the building, and there will be no additional costs.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jenny, KC8UYB, called him from the Airport on March 2nd, and said the building was standing open, but no one around. She was wanting to know if it has been released to WCEC yet. They didn't want to go in if it hadn't been turned over to WCEC yet. Ken told her that he is waiting to hear from Terry Moore as to when the FAA is out of it. 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, is going to check on insurance.

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.

There was no report on the Yaesu FT-

1900R that may be sold on E-Bay. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would check with Gary, KC8ZZS, to see if it has been sold yet. If the radio doesn't get sold on E-Bay there are a couple of members who are interested in buying it.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't have anyone who needs a picture taken for ID Cards. He is still working on the ID Cards, but some medical forms still need to be verified or updated.

WCEC 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, gave a reminder for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race which is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2012, if there is going to be one. Ken hasn't heard anything else about it. If there is a Challenge at Mountwood, don't forget to think cold and wet, since it will still be early spring. Bill, N8JXO, said the race is advertised on the Mountwood Website, but there is no information as to date or anything other information.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Rick, WV8DOC, haven't heard any about the new about the re-writing the County Emergency Plan. The draft copy of the plan is supposed to be available to look over by the end of February or the middle of March. Rick said that he gave the J&H Consultants copies of brochures from about WCEC, CERT, and MECS1.

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 and Rick, WV8DOC, went to the Oakhill Hamfest and got some ideas. Ken said that Oakhill was giving away the same main prizes as Wood County. They also had a poster board that showed some of the door prizes that were being given away. Some of the prizes were donated from manufactures such as MFJ

and Tigertronics. Ken suggested that we start sending requests for donations from some of the radio and electronic manufactures. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder the Charleston Hamfest is March 17th.

There was a correction of the Vienna Road Run. The date for the Vienna Road Run will be April 21st. Anyone wanting to help needs to let Ken, WA8LLM, know, and what T-Shirt size. The T-Shirt size needs to be turned in before the race.

There was a reminder that Artsbridge at WVUP will be on March 14th. We need to be on location by 8:00 am. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got an E-Mail from Artsbridge, and that as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, they have about 300 participates signed up.

There will be a 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, has been working on the computers that Gary, KC8ZZS, gave the group. Sammy has been purchasing hard drives, powers supplies, and loading XP and the Field Day Logging Program on the hard drives. He and Oppie, KC8ZBQ, have also been working on the wireless Field Day Logging program, and getting it to operate as a network. It looks like we may be able to do computer logging this year. It was suggested that for a training class at Field Day we hold a short Packet Radio class.

## **New Business**

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-Fill-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 stadi-

um. The race starts at 8:00 am. Last year there was a Safety Fair at WVUP was held on the same date. There's been nothing said about a fair yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Bill, N8KMN, invited him, and anyone else, to a Solar Panel demonstration on March 7th. The demonstration will be held at the Judge Black's Annex. The people putting on the demonstration is a small company looking for a non-profit organization to help them get grants to start producing a new type of Solar Panel.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Eastwood VFD is holding a Pancake Breakfast on March 24th at the fire station on Route 47.

Daylight Saving Time starts on March 11th.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned.

## **Attendees**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287  
Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253  
Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359  
Colt Wotring Unit 299G  
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J  
Brianna Harris Unit 299B  
Brian Harris Unit 299E  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273  
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268  
Jenifer Wright Unit 299A  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278  
Barbra Nohe Unit 299N  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282