

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting May 1, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 21 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 3, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Jerry, WV8HAM, and seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. 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 Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said a few people reported that once in awhile users of the repeater sounded like they were garbled or off frequency. It looks like one of the Remote Receivers may have a problem. Ken said that he hasn't had a chance to survey the radios that had been hit by lightening to see what might be salvageable. He said there is an Alinco DR-135 in MOBILECOM-1, that can be used as a receiver to repair a Carrier Squelch Remote Receiver, if the DR-435 can be salvaged for the transmitter.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he is waiting to hear back about the McDonough Foundation Grant.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation Letters that were sent out. He said that he still has copies of the letters that need to be handed out.

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 said that those turning in hours and mileage should indicate whether the hours/mileage is for

projects such as building, or for training, meetings, or other communication activities.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has been hearing comments that the volunteer firefighters are thinking that CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members are wanting to do their job. He is going to put together an information packet to educate them as to what CERT is, and they are not wanting to do their job, but to assist them if wanted. Rick said that he is forming a new 501(c)(3) corporation called "Friends of CERT, Inc." to provide financial support through grants and donations for Mid-Ohio Valley Regional CERT. He said that only a couple people showed up for the NIMS 100 class, but only one was interested in finishing it.

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

Ken, KB8QPW, reported that the Health Department Communications Trailer is still sitting at the Number 2 Fire Station on 16th Street. He hasn't had any success getting

the Internet Satellite Dish to deploy.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that Duane, N8LDM, sent a spread sheet on the WCEC members who are registered as RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) with Wood County Emergency Services. Ken read the list of members who have registered as RACES. Duane also sent a copy of his RACES registration form that can be copied and used to register as RACES. Ken will bring copies of the form to the next meeting so those who want to register can do so.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around the list of names of those who want T-shirts. The list has been passed around a couple of times. Terry, KC8TUE, is going to compile the list and the amount of T-shirts that need to be ordered. Only those who are going to be active in some, or all, of the activities will be getting shirts.

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.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is up to date. Renewal for the website is coming up soon. He said the cost of the site is \$184.95 for five years. He wanted to know if we were going to keep it. Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to renew the site for another five years, Bob, KB8RNE, seconded the motion. The motion passed, and Bill said the he would get it renewed and give us a bill.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the plans for the Pancake Breakfast coming along fine. She has had several donations. She got three banners from somebody. She also has donations of milk, syrup, sausage, butter, and other items. Advertisements have been put on radio and TV stations, newspapers, and bulletin boards. Workers are needed to set up the tables, chairs, and other jobs. A discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, still has no feedback about the Operating Manual for the Health

Department Communications Trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent out last month's minutes on Friday, but he was in Charleston for a meeting the day of the meeting, and hasn't been able to check his E-Mails. He doesn't know if thing has been decided about the building at the airport. He doesn't know if the FAA has vacated the building or not. He said that if the FAA is still in the building, we will just need to wait a little longer. Ken said that he would try to talk to Terry Moore at the airport before the meeting next month. Ken said that someone told him the doors were standing open when they went by.

Ken, WA8LLM, said all of the WCEC patches have been sold. It was discussed about ordering more patches since several people said they would like some. Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to order 50 more patches. The motion was seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. The motion carried.

Since Gary, KC8ZZS, has been busy getting ready to go to Africa, he hasn't been to a few meeting, Terry, KC8TUE, said that Gary has the money from the selling of the Yaesu FT-1900R on E-Bay. We will wait until he gets back and check with him.

The 2012 Activities List was passed around again this month for those who want to sign up for the activities. Nothing new has been added to the list.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he now has a list of RACES registered members, he can start working on the ID Cards again.

Ken, WA8LLM, 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 report on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. He said there were 14 or 16 radio operators at the event. All who were there was put to work doing something. There were no major injuries. A few falls were reported. Ken said the group used the

Mountwood Repeater for the event. The repeater may not be able to be used next year since it will be changed to narrowband, and the radios we are using are wideband and can't be converted to narrowband. The race was successful. Duane, N8LDM, sent an E-Mail that wanted to thank everyone who helped.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a draft copy of the new Wood County Emergency Services Plan. There were a few things that needed to be filled in, but as far as the communications section involving WCEC, they seemed to be okay. The plan mentioned Amateur Radio operators, or Wood County Emergency Communications, by name. Terry, KC8TUE, read a portion of the communications section. We can now say that we are listed in the county plan if anyone would like to know.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to the Court House on the Friday before the meeting to pay the \$200 for the building for the Hamfest, but got caught up in the setting up for the Bike for Cure. He said that he would try to make it to the Court House before the next meeting. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is about ready to start mailing out the letters to the manufacturers for donation for the Hamfest. He said that he will need stamps when he mails them out.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Vienna Fun Run. It started to rain just as the race started, and quit as the last runner crossed the finish line. We could have had a few more operators.

There was a reminder about the one day Amateur Radio Technician License class on June 9th in Parkersburg, at the Health Department starting at 9:00am.

There was a reminder that Field Day will be held on June 23rd and 24th. The wireless Field Day logging program will be used.

There was a reminder of the Chic-Fil-A Road Run on May 19th, starting at the Parkersburg High School Field House and

finishing at the PHS Stadium. If anyone is interested let Ken, WA8LLM know.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician Class held in Roane County. There were supposed to be at least 10 people take the class, but only six showed up. Out of the six who showed up, there were four that passed the test.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Woof Fest at Mountwood Park will be held on October 7th. The organizers will want one or two of the 24 by 40 foot canopies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a Search and Rescue Exercise going to be held in Pocahontas County. The exercise will be held on May 11, 12, and 13. Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, Director Tyler County Office of Emergency Services has asked WCEC to participate in the exercise by making sure the Tyler County Search and Rescue Team has communications.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Bike for Cure Bike Race/Ride on the Rails-to-Trails. There were only 20 or 21 bike riders for the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the event was a good exercise on using simplex. A lot about simplex in that area was learned. A short discussion about using two portable repeaters tied together with a UHF link would be able to cover that area.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, got an invitation for the group to help with the Chic-Fil-A Cross County Races. The races will be held on Saturday, September 8th at the 4-H Camp Grounds in Mineral Wells.

The Wood/Washington Cross County Races will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, at 5:00pm, at the 4-H Camp Grounds in Mineral Wells.

The Middle School Cross County Races will be held on Tuesday, September 25th, at 5:00pm, at the 4-H Camp Grounds in Mineral Wells. All these events will have been added to the Schedule of Events.

Lisa, KB8UER, wasn't able to stay for the meeting. But, she needed a couple of papers signed. The papers were from Waste Management about a donation to WCEC for the hours that she and Judy, N8UFQ, donate to helping with activities that WCEC participates in. Lisa also has the paperwork sent in for a donation for the Hamfest.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the rent for the Lubeck Civic Center building is coming due. The price for the building is \$90.00 a year. He wanted to know if we want to keep the building. A short discussion followed. Ken, KB8QPW, made a motion to pay the rent and keep the building. Bill, N8JXO, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was told the licenses for the group's trailers expired March, 2011. Ken said that he didn't think that Department of Motor Vehicles sent renewal papers for the trailers. Ken said that he will check on the licenses, and get them renewed.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to ad-

journal, seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Rick Sawyer WV8OC/Unit 364
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Colt Wotring Unit 299G
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267
Crystal Wilson KD8LOB/Unit 361
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Barbara Nohe Unit 299N