

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting

November 6, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/ Unit 251, President. There were 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 2, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that due to the intermod on the Laurel Creek Receiver, and that we would be using the repeater for the Hamfest, he turned the CTCSS Tone on. He didn't want to have those coming to the Hamfest listen to all of the noise. Ken said that he still hasn't been able to get into the Williamstown tower site to work on the Remote Receiver. He is going to get with Matt, N8MDG, and see if he can get access to the site. Ken said that he thinks the Rockport Remote Receiver is okay since he was able to get into the repeater from Roane General Hospital using an H/T. Ken said that one of the Remote Receivers has a problem with an echo. From time-to-time it almost squeals. He thinks it may be the 911 Center Remote Receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he has heard nothing about any of the grants.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he will start right after the first of the year getting donation letters sent out.

There was a reminder for everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for

grant applications.

There was no CERT report. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is supposed to go to Elizabeth to teach a communications class to their CERT team.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the NIMS courses, IS-100, 200, 700, and 800. Michael Farnsworth, KD8SCG, has taken and completed his 100 and 700 courses.

Terry, KC8TUE, said there's seems to be a problem with someone going into the Health Department Communications Trailer, opening the top vent, and leaving it open. He went to check on the trailer and found water on the first position. The HF Radio had water on it. When he got ready to carry it out of the trailer, water poured out of it. Terry took the radio home to try to dry it out, and hope it's not damaged. He thinks that maybe the roof is leaking from damage during an accident. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report to Jim, KD8ITI.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we are going to hold off ordering the T-Shirts. At the end of

the year he and Terry, KC8TUE, are going to look at the activity list and see who may be bumped back to Auxiliary or removed from the membership list.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is up to date.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he is going to start checking with other insurance companies to try to find insurance for the building at the Airport. Bill, N8JXO, wanted to know if anyone else could check on insurance. He was told, yes. Whoever could come up with and insurance that won't cost an arm and a leg, we will try to get. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Rick, WV8DOC, talked to Commissioner Couch, who gave him the telephone number of an insurance company that provide the county with insurance. He said there a good chance that WCEC can get insurance through them, at a reasonable cost. Ken said that he has talked to the insurance company. The company sent a questionnaire to answer and send back. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he now has new WCEC patches. If anyone wants patches, they are available for \$2.00 each.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Hamfest. He read the list of equipment and material that was purchased for the Hamfest, and how much was invested. He also read a list of the income from the Hamfest. He said that he has started a list of equipment that is on hand for the 2013 Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out medical form papers to be verified or updated. Ken said that he can start making up ID cards.

Terry, KC8TUE, explained about the salesman at Universal Radio who passed away.

Depending on the outcome of the election, the MOU with the Sheriff's department has been put on hold. With any luck we

will have an MOU by the end of the year.

No date has been set to move the cabinets at the airport from building to the other. We are going to wait for the insurance, unless they still want the cabinets moved. The clean up of the Sand Hill tower site is on hold until after the holidays and a hospital exercise that will be held on December 6th.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Hand Held radios that will replace the HT-600 Hand Helds. He said that he contacted Universal Radio about the radios, and that's when he found out about the salesman. Universal said they are trying to catch up on the salesman's orders. The radios have been ordered, but it may be awhile before we get them.

New Business

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to have a Christmas Dinner at the December 4th meeting, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried. The dinner will be covered dish. The organization would provide the meat and drinks. The dinner will be at about 6:00 pm followed by a short business meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a Regional Hospital drill that will be held on December 6th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The hospital officials want WCEC to help provide the communications between the six hospitals and health care facilities who want to participate.

Matt, KD8GWP, said there is a trailer for sale that would make a great communications trailer or what ever the group would like to use it for. Ken, WA8LLM, has already looked over the trailer, and has pulled it a couple of times. If we can come up with the money, it can be purchased for \$2000.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought a billboard banner to the meeting. It was displayed for all

to see. The banner will be moved from billboard to billboard as they become available. The cost of the banner was \$240.

There was a short discussion about fund raising dinners.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned.

Those in Attendance

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Colt Wotring Unit 299G
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J
Barb Nohe, KD8SQY/Unit 375
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Jeremy Moss