

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting September 4, 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.

A motion to accept the August 7, 2012, minutes, as they were eMailed was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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 Jerry, WV8HAM. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater is still working. Ken said that he needs to talk to Matt, N8MDG, to see if we can get access to the tower site at Williamstown so he can check on the remote receiver. The WCEC lock has been cut off, and he has no access to the receiver. He said that he knows the Laurel Creek receiver is working since it is receiving interference from a paging transmitter and the ambulance dispatch. Ken says he has a receive filter with a pre-amp, which needs to be tuned to 147.855 MHz. He said he had an old filter that Earl, KB8HRG, tuned several years ago. The filter works good, but without a pre-amp, stations need to be within 5 or 6 miles. The filter has been sitting around and the tuning may be off.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he still hasn't heard anything about the McDonough Foundation Grant, and he figures that we didn't get awarded a grant.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has passed out a few donation letters. He said that he has both regular donation letters and let-

ters donated for the Hamfest only. Matt, KD8GWP, says the places he has talked to said they have already passed out this years allotted donations. We need to start collecting donations earlier in the year.

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

Rick, WV8DOC, said that Calhoun County CERT just finished up a CERT class, with 5 graduates. He also said that Pleasants County is finishing up a CERT class, and Roane County is going to start up a class in October. He reported that Walt Smittle, Jackson County OES Director, says that the Jackson County Commission has requested that Jackson County CERT affiliate with Mid Ohio Valley Regional CERT. Westbrook and WVUP are wanting to get CERT training and start CERTs. Rick said the Friends of CERT website is up and running at www.friendsofcert.org. Friends of CERT has someone working on their 501c3 determination letter of Tax Exemption.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about NIMS courses IS-100, 200, 700, and 800. Ken said he hasn't heard from anyone else who has finished any of the courses. Ken said that anyone who finishes any of the courses should forward the certificate link to him so he can have a copy of their certificates.

Since Ken, KB8QPW, who has been keeping an eye on the Health Department Communications Trailer, has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks, there is no report on the trailer. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to send a Get Well Card to Ken, seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Motion carried. Brent, KD8DLX, said he would get the card and sign it for the group. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he took Bob, KD8PYF, to look over the trailer. Bob wanted to know why the trailer wasn't used more often. A short discussion of Internet Satellite was discussed.

Since Duane, N8LDM, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service).

Terry, KC8TUE, said he talked to Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, about the WCEC T-shirts. Tom gave him a telephone number to contact the person who does their T-shirts. Terry called the number, and is waiting for a telephone call back. Terry said the new WCEC patches have been ordered. Ken said that if the patches are completed before the next Tyler County LEPC meeting, that he can pick them up when he goes to the meeting.

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

Terry, KC8TUE, said that we are still waiting to hear back from the insurance. Terry said the insurance would be around \$275. The insurance will cover the group at any activities that we will be involved in. Ken, WA8LLM, said the cabinets that WCEC has stored in the old terminal building need to be moved to the building we are going to

be using. The old terminal building is going to be rented, so the cabinets new to be moved. A work party needs to be scheduled.

There is nothing new to be added to the 2012 event list so it wasn't passed around for the members to look at, and sign up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still didn't get the ID Cards caught up. He said that when he gets them caught up, the new cards will have an expiration date of December 31, 2013.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he received an eMail back from Tigertronics stating they are going to donate a Signalink Soundcard interface door prize for the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a list of some of the door prizes he already has for the Hamfest. Terry said that he has talked to Ron at Universal Radio. Most of the main Door Prizes have been ordered. Only one radio isn't in stock. Ken said that after Volcano Days BINGO is over, he is going to purchase an 800-watt generator for the main Door Prize. Ken said there are two meetings which are going to be held at the Hamfest. One meeting is the Quarter Century meeting, a State Radio Convention meeting. They will be downstairs near the kitchen. Ken is hoping to get some multimeters if they go on sale at Harbor Freight. If they don't go on sale before the Hamfest, Ken will use some of his, which can be replaced later.

The rent for the Lubeck Civic Center building has been paid.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the MOU with the Sheriff's Department hasn't been written yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. Ken wanted to make an official announcement to thank Matt, N8MDG, for the use of his UHF repeater. The repeater covered the complete race course. Everything worked great for

the race, and all of officials got their stop watches started on time.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming Parade. He said they had a few problems with the parade, but they got it done. He said the computer screen for the announcer may have been blocked by someone standing in front of it, so it couldn't have been used.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he met with Tim Miller, WB8MOI, of Miller Communications. Tim would like to get a group to cut and clean up the Sand Hill tower site. The site needs to be cleaned so the technicians can get into the guys wires, and they can be adjusted and tightened.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Matt, N8MDG, would like for people to use his 444.925 MHz repeater. People can check with Matt on where they might get radios.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about getting new hand-held radios to replace the Motorola HT-600s. The 600s can't be used after December 31, 2012, on Business and Public Safety frequencies, since they need to be narrow-banded. Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to purchase 25 new radios, at a cost of about \$100 each. Fifteen of the hand-holds would be used by WCEC, and 10 of them would be sold to the members. There would also be a few hand microphones and dry battery packs for the WCEC radios. A short discussion followed. Motion seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Chic-Fil-A Cross County races would be held September 8th. Ken said there will be eight races, and that he needs held with them. Anyone wanting to help should just show up. The first race starts at 9:00 am. We need to be on loca-

tion by 8:30. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, talked about purchasing a billboard banner that can be used when there are empty billboards in the area. It will cost about \$200. The banner can be placed somewhere in the area when a billboard is not being rented. Terry showed what the banner would look like. A short discussion followed. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to allot enough money to purchase the sign, seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about getting MOUs with agencies that we may need to work with.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Barb Nohe, D8SQY/Unit 375
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352