

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting April 2, 2013

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/ Unit 251, President. There were 20 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 5, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Bill, N8JXO, 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 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 the repeater may be having a trouble which may be the Remote Receiver at the Laurel Creek location. He has been talking to Tyler, WV8VFD. Tyler and Matt, N8MDG, have been trying to interface the Motorola Hand Held radios to be make them Receivers for the Remote Receivers. Matt thinks the noise problem with the repeater may be a weak signal path getting from the Laurel Creek Receiver to the repeater transmitter site. Matt also has the equipment to add four more Link Receivers at the repeater site. We won't be able to do anything until the ground dries out and we can get to the site.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he is still looking for new grants to apply for. He said that he didn't bring any of the donation letters to the meeting, but anyone who needs some he'll be sure to get the letters them. He has donation letters for the airport building and the Hamfest. He's not too concerned about the building right now, since we are waiting to hear if the Health Department is going to be able to get the building insured under their insurance.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the their volunteer hours, and mile-

age. Ray, N8TWV, turned in his hours for 2012.

Rick, WV8DOC, reported on the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). He said that the CERT Training classes are still on schedule for the month of April. He said the classes will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on April 6, 13, and 20 at the E-911 Center. There will be NIMS courses of IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 held on April 27th at the E-911 Center. The 100 and 700 classes will be held in the morning, and the 200 and 800 classes will be held in the afternoon. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. He said that he hasn't been by the trailer, but he needs to stop in and make sure everything is okay. Tyler Vincent, KD8RKE, said that he has been by the trailer, and that it is still there. Most of the communications equipment will stay in the Health Department trailer until the new WCEC Communications Trailer is ready to be put into service. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that before we can order the T-Shirts, we need to know who is going to participate in activities that will be

seen by the public.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. Ken, WA8LLM, said that with the new computer that he received from Opie, KC8ZBQ, he is now able to upload the DAREN News and ARES Bulletin to get them posted on the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to talk to Tim Miller at the Heath Department to see what is happening about getting the airport building covered under the Health Department insurance plan. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still has WCEC patches for anyone who wants them. The patches are \$2.00 each.

There was a short discussion about the cabinets in the old airport terminal building and, when and if, they need to be moved. Bill, N8JXO, suggested that we not do anything else about getting them moved until someone says something about them, or we get the building at the airport.

Cleanup of the Sand Hill tower will be held off until spring or summer, or when the weather gets warmer. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Tim Miller, at Miller Communications about what needs to be done at the tower site.

Matt, KD8GWP, gave a report on the new WCEC Communications trailer. He described what all has been done so far. He says he has been working on the trailer whenever there are pretty days. He has corrected a few things that needed fixed. There are still a few things that needs to be done before the radios can be installed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked a little bit about membership dues. Ken said that he didn't want to make everyone pay membership dues, only the ones who don't want to help with the fund raising events. If everyone just paid membership dues, then there would be no one to work the fund raising events. There are still discussions going on about the dues. If there are dues imposed, it will take effect

at the beginning of next year. He said no one should be surprised if it happens,

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by Harbor Freight and picked up some more items to be used for door prizes at the Hamfest to be held October 12th. He still needs to stop by the Court House to pay the rent for the building.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Spaghetti Supper. She said that as soon as everyone who is at the dinner gets through eating the doors will be closed and the building cleaned up. Those wanting to participate in the dance will have to wait until the doors are open for the dance. A short discussion followed.

There was a lengthy discussion about the dance which will be held after the Spaghetti Supper. The dance will be from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Security is the biggest concern about the dance.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Packet Radio interface project that he and Sam, N8SVX, have been working on. He had some printed circuit boards at the meeting for show-n-tell. He explained how the circuit board are made, and when the interface circuit is completed that a work party would be held for those wanting to build their own interface for little or no cost. He said the interface can be used with any computer which has a soundcard, and about any HF, VHF, or UHF radio.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 6K road race held on March 10th, at the Parkersburg City Park. While at the race one of the runners and a member of the River City Runners Club inquired about how much money WCEC gets for providing the safety communications for the races. He was advised that once in a while those helping with the race communications get T-Shirts. The runner says he is going to make a suggestion to the officials about getting a donation for the group. There was a suggestion that an MOU be written up between WCEC and the River City Runners. A short discussion fol-

lowed.

The state wide Bluestone Dam exercise that was to be held on March 21st was cancelled.

There was a reminder the Vienna 10K (approximately 6 mile) Fun Run would be held on April 20th. Those wishing to help would meet at the Vienna Hardees at 7:00 am, the race starts at 8:00 am. Those helping with the race need to be on their assigned location by 7:30 am. The race will start and finish at the Jackson Middle School Football Field. The race should be over by 10:30 am.

There was a reminder the Chic-Fil-A 10K Road Run will be held on May 18th. Those wishing to help should meet on 20th Street beside the Parkersburg High School Field House at 7:00 am. The race will start at 8:00 am and should be over by 10:30 am. The race will start and finish close to the PHS Field House. A list of those saying they were going to help and their T-Shirt sizes were listed.

Dot, KC8HAI, gave a report on the Arts-bridge activity held at WVU-Parkersburg, on March 27th. She said there were 303 challenged kids who participated, and 8 Amateurs who provided the communications.

There was a reminder that a General Class Amateur Radio License class will be held on April 13th. The class will be held at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street. The class will start at 12:00 noon, with W5YI VE Testing after the class. This is the regular W5YI VE Testing date, which will be held at 6:00pm.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was supposed to get the T-Shirt sizes back to Duane, N8LDM, for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race, by March 28, but only 4 or 5 people had let him know if they were going to help. A few additional names were added to the list. Ken will try to get the information back to Duane as soon as possible.

There will be a table top exercise called "Operation Spring Storm" held on April 19th. The exercise will be held at the Air National Guard, just off of Route 31 near Williamstown. Jim, KD8ITI, has asked WCEC to set up the portable telephone PBX for the exercise. Those wanting to help with the exercise needs to return the participation form to Jim by April 12th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would re-send the participation form the day after the meeting.

Opie, KC8ZBQ, said that he has a very good computer he would like to sell. He has purchased Windows 8 and placed it on the computer. It has the latest updates on it. He would like to get \$150 for the computer. If interested you can contact Opie, or Ken, WA8LLM

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Volcano Days will be held September 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Barb, KD8SQY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283
Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258
Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285
Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268
Crystal Smith, KD8TZW
Stan Smith, KD8TZM
Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282
Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355
Tammy Smith Unit 299M