

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting August 6, 2013

After the group enjoyed a great picnic, a short business meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 29 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 2, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. 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, KD8GPW, and seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said nothing has been done to the repeater in the last month.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't have anything to report on the grants that he's applied for. He said that he didn't bring any donation letters to the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours, and mileage. Ken said that he couldn't find the master copy of the time and mileage reporting form. He said he would make up a new form, and bring copies to the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the Health Department Communications Trailer, removed the batteries, took them home, and put them on charge. He said the batteries are in good shape, he used them as back-up power for the BINGO equipment at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. He said that nothing else has been removed from the trailer yet, that he could see. There was a report the roof is leaking along one of the ribs.

The T-shirt report was going to be held off until the September meeting, but he said he would bring something back up under new business.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He said the site is as up-to-date as it can be, except for the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins, that Ken, WA8LLM, needs to send to him.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the fair, he talked to Tim Miller from the Health Department. Tim wanted to know when the group was going to move into the building at the airport. Tim said that everything has been approved about the insurance. Ken said that he needs to talk to Terry Moore at the airport, and find out what kind of information they need for the insurance. The health department has found a way to cover the insurance for the building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some WCEC patches left if anyone wants one or more. They are \$2.00 each.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the moving of the cabinets in the old airport terminal building, if they are still there, is still on hold until the group moves into the building at the airport. Ken explained that he still has the electric meter and socket that needs to be installed. The airport will only be charging the group for the amount of electricity that is being used. Ken, WA8LLM, said that on Saturday, July 13th, Bill, N8JXO, Terry, KC8TUE, Kevin, KC8OXY, Dot, KC8HAI, and himself went to the Sand Hill tower site and worked for about six hours cleaning up the grounds, and removing brush and trash. Bill also graded and increased the size of the parking lot and removed a couple of tree and stumps. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he had talked to one of the employees from Miller Communications. He said that he would let Tim Miller know that we had been at the tower site, and cleaned it up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new WCEC Communications trailer is still sitting at the Field Day site. He didn't want to move it from that site until he could find the keys so that it could be locked up. Bill, N8JXO, said the trailer could be put at his house until it was ready to be stored at the Eastwood VFD. Ken said the trailer would be taken to the Parkersburg Homecoming. While down there he may look at how to install the 12 volt power cable and the 115 volt wiring. He gave a brief description on how the radios would be mounted and remote controlled.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing will be done about charging a membership dues until the last of the year.

Terry, KC8TUE, has sent out some more letters and E-Mails asking for donations for the Hamfest in October. He is going to send out some more E-Mails near the end of the month. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we still need to contact Harbor Freight about some door prizes. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said a discussion about the Packet Radio interface units, and printed

circuit board class would be held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Field Day report has been E-Mailed to the ARRL. He just needs to mail the paper copy of all the information.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 443.175 MHz repeater, that Matt, N8MDG, tuned up, is on the air. He says that it doesn't have the best coverage considering where it's located, but it is in operation. The paper work can now be sent into the frequency coordinator showing that it is officially on the air. Ken said that he and Sammy, N8SVX, meet with Rich Dillon, K8VE, Monday before the meeting. Rich donated a Motorola MRS2000 Repeater that is already tuned up on the same frequency, but didn't have a controller. While testing out the repeater, they found that the transmit audio is distorted. They will work on it at a later date and use it as a backup repeater. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. BINGO will be held on August 16th, 17th, and 18th. The group will be sitting up the canopies, tables, and chairs on Thursday, August 15th, around 5:00 pm. Ken said they may not be doing parade lineup for the homecoming.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon is on August 17th. Everyone who is going to help needs to be on their assigned location by 7:00 am. Ken said that he has the T-Shirts, but he didn't bring them to the meeting. A short discussion followed, and some assignments were confirmed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Waverly VFD used the group's canopies for their Ice Cream Social which was held on August 3rd.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO License for the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days are in hand. He said he was also able to get the license for the fair before the BINGO games started.

There was a reminder the Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to the Jackson County 911 Center in Ripley to do a one day Technician Class license class on August 10th. Then there will also be VE Testing back in Parkersburg at 6:00 pm at the Health Department.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the BINGO at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. He said the day he mailed the BINGO applications for the Homecoming and Volcano Days, the fair board contacted him about doing the BINGO games at the fair. The BINGO license was acquired in time, and the group operated the BINGO games. Since the weather was either too hot, or

there were severe rain storms, the BINGO was another flop. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she talked to the same people that did our T-Shirts. They talked about digitizing our logo so that it can be embroidered onto T-Shirts, Hats, or Jackets. The setup cost of digitizing would be \$35. Cathy said that our regular logo is still on file. Dot, KC8HAI, made a motion to pay the \$35, seconded by Jeff, N8WQO. Motion carried.

Lisa, KB8UER, brought a donation check in the amount of \$500 from Waste Management to be used toward the Hamfest.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Lamp 299G, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Mona Bennett, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Jeremy Moss, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270