

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting December 3, 2013

Before the meeting started, the group enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner, and a gift exchange.

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:06 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 33 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the November 5, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. 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, KD8GWP, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he was planning to stop by the Wirt County tower site to do some work on the DAREN Packet station, and take out the Remote Receiver, on the way to a meeting in Elizabeth. But the meeting was cancelled so he didn't get to stop by the tower site, and do any of the work. The repeater is still working okay, so it can wait a little longer. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he hasn't heard anything about the grant applications requirements that he has applied for. He will start working on them again after the first of the year.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't bring any of the donation letters to the meeting this month, but he would have them at the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone to keep track of their time and mileage. He said that Rick, WV8DOC, and Terry, KC8TUE, have been working on a new program called Mission Manager, which would help keep track of the member's activities. Terry and Rick will keep us posted on how the system works. It may take care of a lot of paperwork.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry,

KC8TUE, will start getting a list of those who are active in public events and get the T-Shirts ordered. He said that he hasn't talked to the girl who makes the T-Shirts about the lettering of the new communications trailer yet.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting, Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short report on the www.wc8ec.com website. Ken said the last time he checked on the website everything seemed to be up-to-date. Terry, KC8TUE, reported that there are several radio nets that need to be corrected.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at a class at the Health Department, Tim Miller, asked him if he had called the Health Department about insurance. Ken said that he had not contacted the Health Department. He and Tim think it might have been someone from the airport doing some research. Ken said that he hasn't heard anything from Terry Moore yet about the building. Ken said that he would be attending a Table Top exercise at the airport and he would talk to Terry Moore at that time.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the new communications trailer. He said the

antenna tubing racks have been installed. The coax transmissions have been ran into the trailer. He has already identified the coax transmission lines by number and is ready to terminate them on the coax patch panel. He said the radio shelves above the writing shelves have been installed and ready to hang the radios. Ken said he is going to remove the blinds that are in the communications area of the trailer, and put window screen tenting on the glass. Ken said that he also invited Harry Ditelzer to the Christmas Dinner, since he did donate a large sum of money to help acquire the trailer. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has hopes that the raffle of the generator will offset the enacting of a membership dues. We should know by the January meeting whether there will be membership dues. Some of the members suggested there should be membership dues for those who are not helping with fund raising events.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the group did receive a donation check for the use of the canopies at the Broadway Church of Nazarene Halloween Party. It was decided to loan the canopies to them again in the spring, if they want them. Ken reminded everyone the setting up the canopies is a fund raising event, and can be counted toward keeping from having a membership dues.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done about moving the 443.175 MHz repeater to the Sand Hill Tower site.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on what CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is doing, and planning to do. He said that he and Bob, KD8PYF, had a meeting with Ed Hupp, the Wood County Emergency Services Director. They are trying to get Ed to contact them when there's any event in which they can help. Rick said that Ed is allowing them to use the 155.280 MHz frequency when CERT is activated. They are hoping to get the frequency placed on the E-911 Control Panels so that it can be monitored and the CERT Teams will be able to communicate with the 911 Center. Rick said that CERT will be holding a Pot Luck

Christmas Dinner on December 16th at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. He told everyone, who is interested in attending, to contact Kristine Green, and let her know what food they are bringing.

The monthly classes will start on Saturday, January 25th, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. The classes will start at about 9:00 am. The class this month will be the making of Printed Circuit Boards. It will show how printed circuit boards are made. A project of a computer soundcard to radio interface will be made. If time permits some of the cards will be put together. Those attending the class will be able to use the board to transmit and receive Packet, PSK31, MT63, and many other soundcard formats.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the drawing of the generator raffle will be at the January 7th meeting. There were additional tickets available at the meeting. Be sure to bring the ticket stubs and money to the January meeting so we can have the drawing. It was discussed that we should hold a raffle every other month. The raffles will keep from having membership dues, but all members need to help sell the tickets.

There was a discussion about the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades on December 14th. Terry, KC8TUE, gave the line-up and start times of the parades. A short discussion was held.

New Business

There will be W5YI VE Testing on December 14th. The testing will be held at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department at 6:00 pm.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there will be a Table Top Exercise at the Airport. The exercise will be held on December 10th. A short discussion followed.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Nina Yoho

**KC8PPS/Unit 280, Nathan Dehaven, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285,
Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna
Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson
KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Kristie Lamp, Matt Lamp, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit
278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Matt Wright
KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A,
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills
KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359,
Brianna Harris Unit 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E,**