

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting June 4, 2013

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251; President. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 7, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Barb, KD8SQY, 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 Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that Matt, N8MDG, went to the tower site the day of the meeting, and worked on the repeater. He said that he worked with Matt, listening to his tests. There was a heterodyne on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver which was coming from the Elizabeth Remoter Receiver link frequency. Ken changed the UHF link frequency on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver, which took care of the problem. Matt installed a pre-amp on the UHF antenna which improved the signals, and reduced the noise, from all of the Remote Receivers. Matt still wants to build up four more Remote Receivers, and add four more UHF Link Receivers to the system.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any grants that he is looking to apply for. He said that no one has asked for donation letters to take to businesses. He has also not given out any letters requesting funds for the

building at the airport. He is waiting to see if the Health Department is going to be able to get insurance coverage for the building.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the their volunteer hours, and mileage.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. The last time that he checked on the trailer, it was still there. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took the 2000 Watt Honda generator out of the trailer and gave it to Kristen Green at the Health Department to use during the Cancer event on May 18th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to call Zides in Marietta, about the price of T-Shirts. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would give Zides a telephone call. Ken gave Terry the telephone number.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.com website is as up-to-date as he can make

it. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is behind getting the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins to Bill, so he can get them on the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't seen Tim Miller at the health department about the health department getting insurance for the building at the airport. The building is on hold, while we wait for the Health Department, since WCEC is not having any luck getting the required insurance.

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 are still on hold pending the outcome of the health department getting the new building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said now that the weather is a lot better, that we need to find a date and time to go to the Sand Hill tower site where the 147.255 MHz repeater is located. The tower site needs to be cleaned up. The only problem is there are other activities that limits when we can do it.

Matt, KD8GWP, gave a report on the new WCEC Communications trailer. He said that he and Ken, WA8LLM, installed the work tables in the trailer and it is ready to install the radios. Ken gave a description of the consoles that he is working on to remote the radios to the four operating positions. Ken said that he was going take the trailer to Field Day. He said that he talked to the Fire Chief of Eastwood VFD, Rick Seebaugh, W8RTS, about storing the trailer at the fire station

which is pretty centralized in the county. Rick said they would get electricity made available, so the trailer could be connected to keep the batteries charged up. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing will be done about membership dues until the last of the year. He wants to see who is going to help with the fund raising projects and how much money we make this year.

Terry, KC8TUE, has sent out some letters for donation for the Hamfest in October. Other donation letters need to be sent out or hand delivered.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Packet Radio interface project that he and Sam, N8SVX, have been working on is completed and ready to hold a work party and class on printed circuit boards. No date has been set yet, but Ken is thinking about holding the class at Eastwood, or the Health Department.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 10K Vienna Fun Run. There were 15 communicators in Vienna. The event went off with no communication problems. The group used Matt, N8MDG's UHF repeater. The repeater covered the race route just perfect. Instead of T-Shirts for the Vienna Fun Run, a \$50 donation was given to the group. Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion that any time there is a race or other activity, that we try to get donations instead of T-Shirts, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on Chic-Fill-A Road Run. She said that she learned a little bit about spread sheets. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the official over the race said would have given a

donation, but since he had already ordered T-Shirts, he would give them to the workers. He is planning to give a donation next year. Since he is also over the Parkersburg Half Marathon, he's going to see if he can get a donation for the Half Marathon instead of T-Shirts.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that nothing has been done about an activity for the June 29th date. She suggested that we cancel the reservation at the church. Her activity group is thinking about holding some kind of movie day. Nothing has been worked out yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the canopy trailer is sitting at the Broadway Church of Nazarene. The church will be using groups two 24 by 40 canopies for an activity they are holding on June 8th. The canopies need to be set up after 5:00 pm on Friday, June 7th. They usually give a sizable donation for the canopies. Ken, WA8LLM, said that putting up and taking down the canopies could be classified as a fund raising event.

There was a reminder that Field Day will be held on June 22nd and 23rd. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to send out invitation letters to public officials and the news media. There was a short discussion about replacing the steel cable on the crank-up antenna trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new UHF Repeater that WCEC had applied for. Ken, said the frequency of 443.175 MHz, with a PL Tone of 123.0 Hz has been approved. Ken said that Rich Dillon, K8VE, who is the frequency coordinator, said that he has a repeater and a set of duplexers, which are already tuned up, and ready to put on the air. He said that we could have both of them. Now we just need to get together and

pick them up. A short discussion about linking the new repeater to Matt, N8MDG's repeater ensued. On Sunday night during the 147.255 net the UHF repeaters will be linked together.

New Business

There will be W5YI VE Testing on Saturday June 8th. The testing will be held at 6:00PM at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street.

The Parkersburg Half Marathon road race will be held on August 17th.

Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO August 16th, 17th, and 18th.

The Deerwalk VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday June 8th. They will be using one of the 24 by 40 canopies.

Waverly VFD Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday August 3rd. They may be asking for one or two of the 24 by 40 canopies.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to hole the annual WCEC Picnic to be held on the August 6th WCEC Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried. The picnic will be at 6 PM, followed by a very short business meeting.

Matt, KD8GWP, suggested the group hold a yard sale on July 28th/29th. All proceeds will go to WCEC.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

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
N8NWX/Unit 285, Ken Riffle
KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit
299M, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283,
Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Cathy
Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine
KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tyler Vincent
KD8RKE/Unit 373, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278, Matt Wright
KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jeff Scott
KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Leland Wright Unit
299L.