

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting November 5, 2013

Before the meeting started, Anne McFee, from the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council talked to the group about volunteering for different activities. Those over the age of 55 could be registered and their WCEC participation could be reported to the state council showing how the seniors in the Mid Ohio Valley area are volunteering their time to the community.

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:15 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 25 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 1, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, 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 Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he hasn't had the time to swap the Wirt County and the 911 Remote Receivers yet. The repeater doesn't seem to be switching as often. He said that he needs to work on the Wirt County DAREN Packet station which is at the same site as the Remote Receiver. When he goes to work on the packet station he may bring the Remote Receiver back and swap it out with the 911 Remote Receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he hasn't heard anything about the grants that he's applied for. He has sent out some letters of request to see what requirements are needed to apply for different grants.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the only donation

letters that he has are for the building at the airport. He will make up donation letters for the Hamfest at the beginning of the year, if the group decides to hold one next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone to keep track of their time and mileage. He said that he would send out the hour and mileage form with the Minutes, Schedule of Events, and Agenda, which he E-Mails out each month. He also had copies of the form at the meeting. Bill, N8JXO, took a copy of the form, and is going to put it in PDF format, and update the one that is on the www.wc8ec.com website.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the girl who does T-Shirts is waiting to find out how many T-Shirts the groups needs. Ken, WA8LLM, received a telephone call from the same girl. He said they talked about getting

lettering for the new communications trailer. Ken is going to take the communication banner over so she can see about what we want to put on the trailer. Ken said that by the end of the year we should have some idea how many shirts need to be ordered. T-Shirts will only be purchased for those who are helping with the activities in public's eyes.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the website: www.wc8ec.com He said the only things that aren't up-to-date are the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent Bill the past few copies of the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins the day of the meeting. Bill said that he hadn't read his E-Mail yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he meet with Terry Moore at the airport two weeks before this month's meeting, and gave him the letter from the Mid Ohio Health Department. Terry said that he would have the airport insurance company look over the letter to see if it would meet the insurance requirements. Ken said that if it wouldn't do, he asked Terry to get the proper wording, and he would have the Health Department re-write the letter.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Sammy, N8SVX, have been working on the new communications trailer 3 to 4 hours a week getting it ready to install the radios. Ken described what all has been completed in the last month. He said that he took the trailer to the Hamfest for Show-n-Tell. The trailer was also used to administer W5YI VE Testing at the Hamfest. The trailer is just about ready to start installing radios in it. By the next meeting the antennas will have been installed on the top, and some of the

radios may be operational. Chad Day, N8HHU, from Eastwood VFD wanted to know if we are still planning to store the trailer at the fire station on Rt 47. He was told that is the plans, but we want to get as much done to it before it gets too far away to work on it. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has an idea to keep from having to start a membership dues, but it would be brought up under new business.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Hamfest. She said there were several bundles of 100 extra tickets sold at the Hamfest, and how much was made. She said that even though the attendance was down a little the money was up from last year. A lengthy discussion followed on how the Hamfest could be made better, if the group decides to hold a Hamfest in 2014.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the canopy that was loaned for the wedding on October 26th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies that were set up at the Broadway Church of Nazarene. He said the canopies were set up on Tuesday, October 29th, but on October 31st, high winds and rain damaged both of the canopies, and they weren't used for the Halloween Party. We don't know if we will still get a donation or not. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he talked to Tim Miller, of Miller Communications about the tower site, he found out that Tim had already completed the work he was going to do on the tower. Ken was going to talk to Tim about placing the 443.175 MHz repeater, at the Sand Hill tower site, but that didn't happen. Ken said that he will just have to stop down and talk to Tim some day and see if it

can be done.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on what CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is planning to do for the rest of the year and some activities planned for next year. CERT is going to hold a Christmas Dinner on December 16th at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department. They are also going to participate in the Parkersburg Christmas Parade. Next year they are planning to hold at least two CERT Classes, one in the Spring, and one in the Fall. Matt, Unit 299G, gave a report on the CERT conference that was held in Charleston over the past weekend. They are thinking about holding one again next year, if the money holds out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Cross Country races that were held in October.

It was brought up about a couple members who work the first Saturday of every month, and will be unable to attend any of the monthly classes held on that day. Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to change the monthly classes to the last Saturday of the month, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. The classes will still start in January.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about holding raffles to keep from having a membership dues. The raffles would be able to offset some of the group's operating expenses. If this works, the group may try to hold a raffle every other month. There was a short discussion. Dot, KC8HAI, made a motion to have a drawing to raffle off a generator, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried. The drawing for the generator will be held at the January 7, 2014, business meeting. Members should pick

up some tickets after the meeting was over.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to hold a Christmas dinner, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried. The Christmas dinner will be held at the December 3rd meeting, followed by a short business meeting. The dinner/meeting held at the Lubeck Civic Center Building and it will be a covered dish dinner. The group will provide the ham, turkey, and drinks.

Pictures of those at the meeting were taken for new ID Cards. With any luck the new ID Cards will be available at the December meeting for those who have had their pictures taken, and their medical information form updated.

Kendale, KD8QAK, made a motion to hold a Hamfest in 2014, seconded Tricia, KC8VLI. Motion carried. The Hamfest will be held on October 11, 2014.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to purchase the main prize radio so that we can start advertising the Hamfest early in the 2014 year. The motion was seconded by Tricia, KC8VLI. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Bob, KB8RNE, wants to sell his two Yeasu FT 2800 mobile radios, and a power supply. Bob didn't have a price on any of the equipment. If anyone is interested in the equipment, Ken will give them Bob's telephone number, and they can work out the details.

Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to participate in the Parkersburg Christmas Parade, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried. Terry, KC8TUE, is going to coordinate the event. It was left open if the group will participate in just the Parkersburg Parade, or also participate in the Vienna Parade, since both

parades will be held on the same day.
Bill, N8JXO, said that he would provide the trailer and pull it. The trailer is under cover, out of the weather, so it can be decorated at any time.

Barb, KD8SQY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU.
Meeting adjourned.

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris
KC8HAI/unit258, Bill Davidson
N8JXO/Unit 283, Cathy Wotring
KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine
KC8TYU/Unit 287, Terry Mills
KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills
KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Matt Lamp Unit 299G,
Kristie Lamp Unit 299Q, Dave Wright
N8NWV/Unit 285, Ken Riffle
KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit
299M,
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Scooby
Sawyer AK9DOG, Barbra Nohe
KD8SQY/Unit 375, Mike Farnsworth
KD8VLL/Unit 380, Anne Mcfee, Better
Bower, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373,
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit255,
Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369,
Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263,
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Scott
KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tricia Magyarosi
KC8VLI/Unit 294