

Wood County Emergency Communications

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Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting September 3, 2013

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

A motion to accept the August 6, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Lisa, KB8UER, 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 Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. It seems to be working just fine. He said he hasn't had to do any work on it 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 filled a grant application with Harbor Freight. He needed to do it at least 45 days before the request was needed. The request was for the Hamfest.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he had copies of the donation letters for both the operations of the organization and the Hamfest at the meeting. He had 50 copies of each donation letter printed up.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours, and mileage. Ken said that he forgot to make up the new form for mileage and hours. It was suggested the new form be made up in XL format and E-Mailed to everyone each month when the minutes, agenda, schedule of events, and roster, are sent out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry have been removing the equipment from the Health Department Communications Trailer. Some of the equipment that is being removed is being placed back in operation in the new WCEC Communications Trailer. He said the computer monitors that came out of MECS-1 fits real good in the new trailer. Instead of using the computer towers, they are going to use some of the laptop computers that Gary, KC8ZZS, got donated to the group. They will be placed under the writing shelves. He said that one of the digital clocks was missing, and thought that all of the other equipment should be removed before anything else comes up missing. Ken said that most of the equipment has been removed, but there are still a few things that need to be placed in storage. The antennas still need to be removed. Ken said that MECS-1 has been officially de-commissioned, and there will no longer be any reports. A lengthy discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, showed the group a T-Shirt that she had made. She explained about the cost. She said to be sure you know what size T-Shirt you want before you have it made. It was discussed about who would be

able to have shirts, hats, jackets make. A short discussion followed.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no official report made on the website: www.wc8ec.com Cathy, KC8DJJ, looked at the website before the meeting, and said the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins hadn't been posted yet. Since it was a long holiday weekend, it's possible that Bill may have been out of town and will get it caught up when he gets back. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent Bill the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins on Thursday, August 29, in hopes of getting them posted and the website caught up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Terry Moore of the Airport at the last Wood County LEPC meeting about the communications building at the airport. Terry said the airport needs is a letter showing that the airport would not be held responsible for any accidents. Ken said that he needs to talk Tim Miller at the Health Department about getting a letter written up by finical department showing that the Health Department is going to provide the insurance for the building. Once the paper is written up, it will be delivered to the airport, along with the lease agreement. If it is accepted, the group will start getting moved in the building. A short discussion followed.

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 when he talked to Terry Moore at the LEPC meeting, he thinks the cabinets at the airport old terminal building may have been moved to the new WCEC building. They may have been moved since the Civil Air Patrol has moved back into the old terminal building. Ken said that he would check to see if have been moved before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Tim Miller from Miller Communications, and told

him about the tower site work party. Tim said that he would be going out of town for a while, but would start working on the tower guy wires when he returns.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new WCEC Communications trailer was taken to the Parkersburg Homecoming to be used as an office. He said the trailer jack was damaged and needed to be replaced. While at the homecoming, members got to see what has been done and give suggestions. On the way back from the homecoming the trailer had a flat tire which needed to be replaced. The trailer is now sitting on the side of Ken's driveway while he is installing the 12 volt and 115 volt conduit and wiring. Ken is hoping to have all the wiring completed before the trailer is taken to Mountwood Park for Volcano Days. He said that four of the computer monitors have been installed and it's beginning to look more like a communications trailer. After Volcano days the trailer will be parked at either Bill, N8JXO's house, or at the Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department. There was a discussion on what to name the new trailer. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing will be done about charging a membership dues until the last of the year, but it does look like it is going to happen since only a few people have been helping with the fund raising activities. He says there are still some additional fund raising activities coming up.

Terry, KC8TUE, has started receiving E-Mails, and/or letters back about donations for the Hamfest. So far he has received two "Yes" E-Mails, and two "No" E-Mails. We still have another month before the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has a lot of door prize items in storage that will be used. Brent, KD8DLX, wanted to know if there is going to be VE Testing at the Hamfest. It was decided that if someone wants to take a test, it can be done. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he would like to hold the Packet Radio interface and printed circuit board class before the weather start getting too cold and no one will be able to make it to the class. He thinks he will hold the class at the Health Department.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Field Day paper report has been mailed to the ARRL. He had a copy of the Field Day report at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 443.175 MHz repeater, doesn't have the best coverage considering where it is located. He said the CTCSS PL Tone on the agenda is wrong. The tone frequency should be 146.2 Hz instead of 123.0 Hz. Plans are to move the repeater to the Sand Hill tower site in the future. When he gets time Ken said that he would also work on the Motorola MRS2000 Repeater that was donated by Rich Dillon, K8VE.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He said Friday and Saturday was very good days, but Sunday was pretty much rained out.

Ken, WA8LLM, also gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He was very satisfied about how things worked out. He said that it was one of the best starts of the race. The officials were very satisfied also.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO License for Volcano Days is already posted in the new communications trailer. The communications trailer will be used for the BINGO office at Volcano Days. Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician Class Amateur Radio class that was held in Jackson County on August 10th.

He said that 11 people took the class and seven of them got the license.

New Business

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a one day General Class Amateur Radio license class held on September 21st. The class will start at about 9:00 am at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department.

The two 24 by 40 canopies will be used on October 26th for a wedding.

The canopies will also be used at the Broadway Church of Nazarene after they are used on the 26th. The exact date is unknown.

The CERT group is planning to have an information table set up at the Washington County Fair. They are also planning to have a table set up at the Stern wheel Regatta. Bob, KD8PYF, may talk to Mountwood Park about having an information table set up at Volcano Days. They are also planning to hold another CERT Class before the end of the year.

The Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races will be held on Saturday, September 24th. There will also be Cross Country races on Tuesday, September 17th and Wednesday September 25th. The races will be held at the Wood County 4-H camp ground on Butcher Bend Road.

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

Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Matt Lamp Unit 299G, Kristie Lamp Unit 299Q, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit

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Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Lisa
Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Barbra
Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Anna
Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Rick
Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Judy
Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278