

# Wood County Emergency Communications

*Serving Wood County West Virginia and surrounding areas*



## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting October 2, 2012

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 4, 2012, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. 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 Dot, KC8HAI. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater has noise from the intermod. He needs to work with Matt, N8MDG, about tuning up a filter and pre-amp for the input of the Laurel Creek Receiver. Ken said that he still hasn't got access to the Williamstown tower site yet to check on that remote receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he is starting to work on donation letters for material for the Airport building, if we ever get it.

There was a reminder for everyone to keep track of their mileage and hours for grant applications. Ray, N8TWV, turned in his hours.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a list of classes and training that CERT is holding in the next couple of months. Since there was too many to list in the minutes, Ken, WA8LLM, suggested those interested check out the CERT website at [cert-mov-wv.org](http://cert-mov-wv.org).

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the NIMS courses, IS-100, 200, 700, and 800.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the Health Department Communications Trailer is in Limbo until things can be worked out about pulling the trailer. It was suggested that we try to get a trailer donated from Wolf Campers that can be turned in a communications trailer, and put the radios that are in the Health Department trailer, in it. The trailer would be smaller and easier to pull. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) is just a registration, there would be no reason to discuss it at the WCEC meetings any more.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he wasn't real sure what to do about the T-Shirts, since there seems to be fewer members helping with the events, and that the only ones who would need them are the ones who participate. He said we may be cutting down on the number of shirts that was originally talked about. Since we are going to be looking at the membership list and moving some members back to Auxiliary at the end of the year, they won't need a T-Shirt. We are going to hold off until the first of the year before ordering T-Shirts. A short discussion

followed.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is up to date except for the DAREN News and the ARES Bulletins. Bill said there is an article on the site about flying flags at half staff. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he talked to the insurance company about the groups insurance. He was given a quote of about \$265. Terry told him to write it up. About a week later Terry was contacted and the underwriters for the insurance was concerned about the name of the organization. They were afraid that since we are "Emergency Communications", they were afraid that we might mess up some 911 calls and they didn't want to be responsible for that. Terry explained that we didn't have anything to do with 911. The company is going to re-quote the insurance and get back with Terry. Ken, WA8LLM, was asked by Terry Moore if we are still interested in the building. Ken told him we are, but we are having a hard time getting the required insurance. A lengthy discussion about other insurance providers followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the WCEC patches. He said that Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, has the patches ordered, but the company is having employee problems, and they are backlogged. Tom said if they come in before the next class, which he and Ken are in, he would bring them to the class.

Ken said that since the year is about over, there isn't much more on the 2012 event list that needs to be discussed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get the medical form papers printed up and out to everyone before the next meeting so they can be updated. He said there will be a lot of ID Cards that won't be printed up since a lot of members aren't participating in activities that would require an ID Card.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the trip

to Columbus to pick up the main prizes and some door prizes for the Hamfest. Terry is still waiting for some of the door prizes that he had received E-Mails from. Two of the door prizes showed up at his house while we were on the trip to Columbus. There are now plenty of door prizes for the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, purchased three generators at Harbor Freight, one of them will be the major door prize. The other two may be sold, or kept for door prizes at next years Hamfest. Bill, N8JXO, said that he can set up the registration computers like last year. He said that we need to get together at his house so that he can get the Website updated as far as the Hamfest. It looks like everything is ready for the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Michael, KD8SCG, contacted Prosecutor Jason Wharton about the MOU between WCEC and the Sheriff's Department. Michael suggested that we send Jason a copy of an MOU that we have used before. Ken sent Jason a copy, and Jason said that he would start on the MOU the next week. Nothing else has been heard about it.

The plan to have a work group move the cabinets from one building at the Airport to another fell through. It was planned, thinking we would have the insurance by then. We will try again at another time. The work party to clean up the Sand Hill tower site didn't happen since we were getting everything ready for Volcano Days.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Hand Held radios that will replace the HT-600 Hand Helds. He said the radios are ordered. He ordered 25 radios, 15 Dry Packs, a programming cable, and five Hand Microphones. He was told the radios will take about 30 days to arrive. We were hoping they would be there when we made the trip to Columbus, but they were there yet. Fifteen of the radios would be kept on hand by the organization to be loaned out when

needed. The other ten would be sold to members of the organization.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A cross country races. He said that 12 members helped with the eight races. Ten days later, on Tuesday, six people showed up for the four cross county races. The following Tuesday five operators showed up for the two cross country races. Those working the first races got soaked from the rain. The keyboard on one computer went bad, and three radios quit working due to the rain. Lessons were learned that day.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO.

### **New Business**

Ken, WA8LLM, went over the schedule of events list. Ken said the Woof Fest may not need the use of our canopies.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned.

### **Attendees**

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258  
Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251  
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285  
Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273  
Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289  
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267  
Barb Nohe, KD8SQY/Unit 375  
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283  
Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352  
Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354  
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278  
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364  
Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257  
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287  
Colt Wotring Unit 299G  
Kymber Wotring Unit 299J