



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

Minutes of April 1, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 23 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 4, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dot, KC8HAI, and seconded by Joe, KD8WHO. 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, N8NWW, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he didn't get to go to the Wirt County tower site like he had planned on March 14th. He had to take a class that wasn't over until about 4:00pm, so he didn't have time to stop by the site. He said the repeater is still working okay. Ken said that since the weather is getting better, he wants to get a hold of Matt, N8MDG, about adding the additional four UHF receivers, and four remote receivers for the repeater. He said that a couple weeks ago the repeater had some kind of noise on it. Ken thought it might have been the Remote Receiver on Laurel Creek being set for Carrier Squelch, but it wasn't. The noise just comes and goes. He was told that when the Ambulance repeater and the Fire Band repeater were up at the same time is when there is noise on the 147.255 repeater.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard anything back about the Parkersburg Area Foundation grant yet, but he feels we have a better chance of getting the grant. He said that he has a couple of other grants that he is checking on, but doesn't want to talk about them at this time.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has 150 to 200 copies of the donation letters with him. Anyone wanting to get some of the letters should get them from Terry.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still hasn't had time to work on the Mission Manager program. He said the program seems to be a good tool. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he isn't going to bug anyone about using the Mission Manager program, when we get it in operation. It's just another tool to use to help keep track of our activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, haven't worked on the T-Shirts yet. They are just trying to get the groups bills caught up, so

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they don't want to spend any more money than they have to for awhile. But, some of the T-Shirts will be ordered for those who have never had a WCEC T-Shirt, so they will get a few ordered.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He said he is still working on the site, and clears up any problems that he stumbles onto.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a meeting on Monday, March 24th, at the airport. He said that he talked to Dick Witburg, from the Health Department. Dick said that he would be able to get an insurance certificate so we could start using the building at the airport. On Thursday, March 27th, Dick resigned from the Health Department. We will have to start over getting the insurance for the building. A lengthy 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 he put nine of his solar panels on the top of the new communications trailer, and connected them to the batteries, on the morning of the meeting. Before he connected them to the batteries, they were reading about 5.66 volts. Before he went to the meeting, he stopped by the trailer to see how much current was coming out of the solar panels since the sun was shining bright. He said there was 6.5 amperes of current coming out of the panels going into the batteries. He would stop by the trailer on the way

home and see what the batteries look like. It looks like the solar panels will be a great back-up for the trailer. A short discussion followed. (Note: the batteries were reading 12.47 volts when Ken stopped by the Communications Trailer on the way home from the meeting.)

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to work on the Motorola Repeater that will be operating on the 443.175 MHz frequency. Once he gets it working the way he wants, he will make an attempt to contact Tim Miller at Millers Communications to install it at the Sand Hill Tower Site, which is the same location as the 147.255 repeater.

Since there were no CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) officers at the meeting, there was no CERT Report.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got an E-Mail from Dave Bradley, N8DWB, about the 444.150 MHz repeater that will be installed in Ripley. Dave said that Walt Smittle, KD8VLG, the County OES Director was wanting to know about when the repeater might get put into operation, and what Jackson County could do to help.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the monthly class which was held on March 22nd. The class was on Basic Electronics. There were 12 people at the class. Terry, KC8TUE, said the class will help him with some of the questions that he will need to pass his Extra Class test.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has E-Mailed the person who is supposed to be sending a bill for the use of the

Lubeck Civic Center. He is still not getting an answer. He said that he will call a couple of numbers that he knows. Maybe he can get answer from them.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day class and VE Testing on March 8th in Mason County. He said that out of the ten people that took the class, only four of them passed the Technicians test to get their license.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Hot Dog Supper is still going to be held. She gave a short report of what the fund raising committee is doing.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Raffle for the generator will be held on at the May 6th WCEC Meeting. He wanted to remind everyone to sell all the tickets they can. He said to pick them up at the sign-in table.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he contacted the ARRL about the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest being an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest. Ken said that he got a response back

NEW BUSINESS

The Challenge at Mountwood will be held on Sunday, April 6th. Duane, N8LDM, would like to have at least 10 radio operators to provide the safety communications around the race course. Those wishing to help should be at Mountwood Park at about 10:00am to get their assignments and get to their locations, since the race starts at 12:00 noon. In stead of T-Shirts this year the group will get

from the ARRL. The Hamfest this year will be an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest. There are just a few things that needs to be done for ARRL Leadership. Any fliers that are sent out must have the ARRL Logo on them, and there must be a free Table for an ARRL Leader to advertise and display ARRL information. About three weeks before the Hamfest, the ARRL, will be sending some material that can be used as door prizes.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Charleston Hamfest. He talked to one vendor who is thinking about coming to the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Artsbridge VSA that was held at WVU-P on Wednesday, March 19th. Those who helped at the event felt the attendance was down this year. One good thing is that no one got hurt or lost, no Fire Alarms, or hot weather for the kids to stand outside.

a money donation. There was a short description of how to keep track of the Bike Racers. Plans are to use the Mountwood Park repeater, and 147.525 Simplex.

There will be W5YI VE Testing on Saturday, April 12th, at the Health Department at 6:00pm.

There will be a one day Technician Class license class, and testing, in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church on April 19th.

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The Vienna Fun Run will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Those wishing to help should be at Hardee's in Vienna around 7:00am to get your assignment and to get on location. The Run race starts at 8:00am and the Walk race starts at 8:05am.

Since the Vienna Fun Run is on the same day at the monthly training class, we may use the race as training. Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that we use the race as the class. We'll see what happens at the race. Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the racing clock he is working on. He is hoping to have it at the Vienna Race, if he gets it ready. A short discussion followed.

The Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be on May 17th. The race starts beside the PHS Field House and finishes at the Football/Track Field behind the High School. The group hasn't been asked to help with the race yet, but Ken, WA8LLM, will be going to a Half Marathon meeting April 10th, and will probably be asked to help at that time.

Ken, WA8LLM, has been trying to contact someone with the Parkersburg Honey Festival to check on operating BINGO games at the event. If we can operate BINGO at the Festival, we should be able to use the same BINGO License as the Parkersburg Homecoming License, since we can use them for 14 days. The Honey Festival is normally the weekend after the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion the disposal of MOBILCOM-1. Ken said that MOBILCOM-1 has been sitting for about five years and will not go back into operation. He has already started pulling radio equipment out of it to put in the new communications trailer. Ken, KB8QPW, made a motion to scrap it in whatever way that would bring in the most money. The motion was seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, talked about selling Knives as a fund raiser. Anyone wanting to help sale the knives should talk to Cathy. Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion the selling of Raffle Tickets and knives in front of Wal*Mart or Sams. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has two Onan Generators the group bought about 20 years ago. He has not had the generators running in a long time. He wanted to know what the group wanted to do with them. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to dispose of them, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has a stack of Trailer License renewals that he needs to get processed.

Barb, KD8SQY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Joezie Hickman KD8WHO/Unit 383, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Larry Stevens KD8PYN/Unit 370, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287,