



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.**

### **Minutes of December 2, 2014**

**The group enjoyed a very good Christmas Dinner. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to thank all of those who brought the food, and help set up for the dinner.**

**A short business meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 42 members and guests present.**

**A motion to accept the November 4, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater seems to be working just fine, and has had no bad reports on it.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is going to hold off sending the grant request to the McDonough Foundation until January. He is still trying to get the new printer set up with his computer.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, brought some donation letters for Mike, KD8VLL, who wants to start getting commitments to help pay for a concrete pad at Mountwood Park where the group operates BINGO during the Volcano Day Festival.**

**The T-Shirts were held off until the January meeting.**

**Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is as up-to-date. He has been watching about any information about Network Associates, since the owner, Brain Harper, AF8L, has passed away. He said that all we can do is wait and see what happens.**

**The building at the airport will be held off until the January meeting.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a lengthy report on the new WCEC communications trailer. He explained that some of the radios have been put into operation. The radios will be mounted on slide-in mounts, which will make it easy to switch around, it needed. He explained what else should be done before the January meeting. He said that in a real disaster, the trailer could be used, but if it is taken off of the hill, where it is parked, it won't be able to be brought back up until all of the mud dries up next spring.**

**The 443.175 MHz repeater report will be held off until the January meeting.**

**The Jackson County UHF repeater report was held off until the January meeting.**



**A report on the Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County was held off until the January meeting.**

**The November monthly class was held on November 22nd, at Bill, N8JXO's house. The group talked about BALUNs that are used on antennas. As soon as the weather got a better outside, they were able to set up the new 75/80 Meter, the 40 Meter, and the 300 Foot Loop antennas. They tested the antennas to see how they will work for Field Day. The group also played with a 6 Meter Quad antenna that will be used on Field Day. Since there is no way of knowing how bad the weather might get during the winter, it was decided to hold off on the monthly classes until the fourth Saturday in April.**

**The selling of raffles tickets was held off until the January meeting.**

**Lisa, KB8UER, brought in some door prizes that can be used for the Hamfest next year, if the group wants to hold one.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the CW Transmitter is sending out BEACONS on the frequency of 145.63 MHz. The transmitter has been on the air for over a month, with just a short time that it's off to keep from interfering with the weekly voice net on 147.255 MHz. He has not received any reports about it interfering with any other radio system, or service. He is hoping that within a couple of weeks, the CW Class transmissions will be starting up. The CW Class will operate from 7:00PM to 9:00PM, Monday through Friday.**

**Mike, KD8VLL, said that he was going to start getting commitments from donors for the concrete pad at Mountwood park.**

**Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the dinner/meeting there was no report about getting an Amateur Radio Hamshack put at the 911 Communications Center.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short report about the Red Cross MOU. More information will be discussed at the January meeting.**

**There was a reminder there would be W5YI VE testing at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 13th, at the Health Department.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to give a presentation about Amateur Radio at the Washington County LEPC meeting, on December 10th.**

**Use of the canopies, table, and chairs was held off until the January meeting.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that in a couple of weeks he would be sending out an E-Mail to those who are not active in the groups fund raising events, and will be required to pay a membership dues so they can say they are a member of WCEC. The membership dues for those members will start in January 2015.**

**The review of the Bylaws, because of the membership dues, was held off until the January meeting.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she has contacted Wendy's about holding a Spirit Night event at one of their stores. She gave a short explanation on how it works. Krista, KC8VLJ, said**



the Sweet Frog business next to Radio Shack, where she works, holds something like a Spirit Night at their location. She is going to try to get some information about it and bring it to the next meeting.

Matt, KD8WHN, gave information about the Vienna, and Parkersburg Christmas parades. He said that Bill, N8JXO, will be taking his trailer to Cathy, KC8DJJ's, house on Thursday or Friday to get it decorated. All of the paperwork for both parades has been taken care of. Matt said that anyone who wants to help decorate the trailer should be at Cathy's house at about 5:00PM on Friday, December 5th. There was a list at the sign-in table for those who are going to help.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will be working on the WCEC ID, and ARES ID Cards, and will try to get them to the members before the end of the year, or at the January meeting. Matt, KD8WHN, said that if anyone wanted to get a new picture taken for their ID Cards that he had his camera with him.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Colt Wotring Kd8UAC/Unit 376, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris Unit 2 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elma Lang, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Susie Davidson, KC8AFA/Unit 284, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jim Peterson, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Anne McFee, Jim Rose KD8ITI, Kim Rose, KD8ITH, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385