



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

### Minutes of June 3, 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 May 6, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. 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, KD8WHN, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the repeater seems to be working okay, he's not heard of any problems.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Parkersburg Area Foundation grant. He said that we did receive approval of a grant for the replacement of tables. He, Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI, attended a presentation ceremony and received the approval. The group needs to purchase the tables, and then will be reimbursed. Terry talked about replacing the 150 folding chairs that are getting rusty and worn out. We may try to get the chairs grant through the McDonough foundation.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought donation letters for members to pick up and hand out. Terry said that October and the Hamfest will be here sooner than you think.

Terry, KC8TUE, hasn't done any more with the Mission Manger program. Neither he nor Rick, WV8DOC, has heard anything more about the Mission Manager program starting to charge for the service.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that as soon as a few events are over, he will make a trip to the people who are going to be making the T-Shirts. He is going to order about 5 Medium, 5 Large, 5 Extra Large, a couple 2-XL, 3XL, and 4XL T-Shirts. He is going to order a couple each of the 3-X and 4-X T-Shirts. That way those who need a T-

Shirt will be able to pick out the size they want.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website. He said the site is up-to-date. He is going to check and make sure the VE Testing dates and time are correct.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department still hasn't hired a new CEO. We will still have to wait before getting to move into the Airport Building.

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 not much has been done to the new communications trailer. He did say that Eastwood VFD would like to use the trailer as a cooling station during their Ice Cream Social, if the Air Conditioner works in it. They want to use it for a cooling station in case someone needs to get cooled off.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to so many other activities, he hasn't had time to build the antenna and get it mounted on the Sand Hill tower site for the 443.175 MHz repeater. He wants to start working on the Motorola repeater that was donated to the group. Ken thinks the output of the Motorola puts out 50 Watts as opposed to 10 Watts by the Kenwood.

There was no report on any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) activity.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has looked over the Microwave equipment that the group received from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services. He said the equipment may be able to be placed in operation in the 902 to 928 Amateur Radio band, but it may cost some money to get it done. Ken explained a little bit about the Microwave equipment. As soon as he can get some more time he will start to work on that equipment.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the monthly training class held on the May 24th. The class was on digital communications modes. Opie, KC8ZBQ, was at the class and explained how the digital program that he uses, works. Since it was a holiday weekend, and a lot of people were out of town, there were only five people at the class. The June monthly class will be the installation of antennas and set up, and operating of emergency stations since the class date will be on the Field Day weekend.

Judy, N8UFQ, found out who the person in charge of the Lubeck Civic Center is. He works at the same location as Judy. The reason he hadn't sent out a bill until now was because of his computer being down. He gave the bill for the 2013 and 2014 membership to her on May 30th. The bill also had the cost of the two dinners that was held at the building this year. Ken, WA8LLM, said that as soon as he gets the money together, he would pay the bill.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Hot Dog Supper. Even

though the date needed to be changed due to a building scheduling problem, and the dinner needed to be held a week later, the supper was a success. She turned in the working money, and the money made at the supper. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't get the Weather Radios while they were on sale, and there was a lack of enthusiasm of selling tickets. He didn't make up any tickets or fliers. There would be no raffle drawing at the July meeting. If the group wants to sell tickets for a raffle, we can start next month, with a drawing at the September Meeting.

Brad, KC8TYU, said that he is getting the information out to the Radio, TV, and Newspaper about the Hamfest to be held on October 11th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Run, held on May 17th. There were 20 radio operators as the event. Chip Allman who is the coordinator for the race was satisfied and would be getting with the group with a donation check. There was a short discussion on the problems at the race. It was also discussed about not using a tone for the start of the race; instead, we would just use the sound of the starting gun.

Ken, WA8LLM, still hasn't been able to find someone to talk to about operating BINGO games at the Parkersburg Honey Festival. Judy, N8UFQ, found a telephone number to talk to someone.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, hasn't decided, for sure what she is going to do about the selling of RADA Knives as a fund raiser. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't check with Wal\*Mart, and Sam's about selling Raffle Tickets and knives in front of their stores. It was talked about the only time it could be done was on Saturdays or Sundays.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't got the Onan Generators out of storage to see what he can do with them. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got the stickers for the licenses of all of the trailers purchased. He said the licenses needs to be renewed every three years.

There was a short discussion about Field Day, which will be held on June 28th and 29th. Ken, WA8LLM, said the Newspaper had an article about Field Day, and a picture of his backside in the May 31st issue. Ken said that he still needs to get invitation letters out to the elected officials and other served agencies. He also said that he needs to get the wood for the bon fire. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Half Marathon. He verified some of the locations with those who were at the meeting. Ken said that he would talk to some of the others who weren't at the meeting. Ken said that he would like to have the 10 race clocks completed and use them for the race. Ken had the clock

that he has been working on at the meeting for Show-N-Tell. If he gets them done in time, those working at the mile markers will get their clock a week or so before the races so they can play with them and learn how to set them. Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he went to pick up the donation letter from the Vienna Fun Run race, there was more money than he thought. The race official said that since so many of the communications people had to do double duty, that he added a little extra. A lengthy discussion followed.

## New Business

There will be W5YI VE Testing at the Health Department on June 14th at 6:00PM.

Eastwood VFD will be holding their Ice Cream Social on June 7th. They want to use the tables, canopies, and chairs. Since the Broadway Church of Nazarene will be using the two good canopies, we will be using one of the backup 24 by 40 canopies at Eastwood, and a 10 by 20 canopy for their BINGO games, which they want us to help with. It's going to be a busy weekend, since the Health Department will be holding an exercise, and they want a couple of WCEC members to participate.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will take the canopies to Lubect VFD on June 20th to set them up for Lubeck's activity which will be held

from noon to 11:00PM on June 21st.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to, and met with Bob Smith, KB8RNE's Son-in-Law. Bob wants to sell all of the radios, and a power supply that he has. One of the radios is brand new, still in the box. The rest are used, one is still mounted in the car. Bill, N8JXO, said that since Bob has been a member with the organization from almost the start of the group that we should try to get the radios. A motion was made by Matt, KD8GWP, to purchase the equipment at a reasonable price. The motion was seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried. Ken said that he would try to contact Bob's Son-in-Law and see what kind of price he wants for the radios and power supply.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still has a couple of Hand/Held radios that he is trying to sell for a friend. He said the radios are for sale for \$60 each, or \$100 for both.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything else from the WV Interstate Fair about operating the BINGO games.

Anyone who took the Food Handler's class at the Health Department, can get their class fee reimbursed from WCEC.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that we should look into setting up a Show-in-Tell of emergency radio stations at the Mall or at Wal\*Mart. A short discussion followed.

## THOSE IN ATTENANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,