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## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

August 5, 2014

The group held, and enjoyed, their annual picnic. A big thanks to all of those who made it a success.

A short monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:05pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 28 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 1, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

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Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the repeater still seems to be working okay. He said that seems like the only trouble is when there is bad weather.

Grants are on hold until the September meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that since it was going to be a short meeting that he didn't bring any donation letters. He said that if anyone needed the letters that he would be sure to get the letters to them.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has received E-Mails from the new owners of the Mission Manager program. The price for using the program is too far out of our budget. To have all of the members using the program, it would

cost about \$2000 a year. A short discussion followed. The group decided to drop the program.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't made it over to the T-Shirt people to order the shirts, even though he knows how many to order. Judy, N8UFQ, says that she sees the T-Shirt people all the time, and keeps telling them that Ken will be coming over to order the shirts.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website. He said that he didn't receive the July WCEC Minutes, so he doesn't have them on the site. Ken, WA8LLM, told Bill that he had sent him the ARES Bulletins by the Internet, but they came back as undeliverable, so he sent them again. Ken said that he would re-send the

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July Minutes to Bill in the next day or so. A short discussion followed.

The building at the Airport is on hold until the September meeting, even though a new CEO has been hired at the Health Department.

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 nothing has been done to the new communications trailer, but he would be getting it ready to be used at the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't done anything with the new antenna to be put on the 443.175 MHz repeater. He wants to get it completed before the weather starts getting bad.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the installing of the Jackson County UHF repeater is still depending on when we get the new antenna, and 443.175 MHz Motorola Repeater put at the Sand Hill tower site.

Work with the Microwave equipment from Jackson County is on hold until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the monthly training class which was held on July 26. He said those who were there enjoyed the soldering class. After the class, Matt, KD8WHN, said that it cost him about \$300 getting

different types of soldering equipment, since Kristie, KD8WHM, has learned to solder and needed some soldering equipment.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has paid the rent for the 2013-2014 year, and the 2014-2015 year of the Lubeck Civic Center.

A Raffle drawing will be held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Hamfest is still coming along. He wants to take a donation letter to Harbor Freight to get some more items for door prizes. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't get a hold of anyone about operating BINGO games at the Honey Festival. He thought it would be best to hold off this year and try to get more information. Ken, said that he was going to be out of town on the Saturday of the festival.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he did get the two Onan Generators out of storage and trying to find out information on them. He is going to hook up a battery to each of them and see if they turn over okay. Without any gasoline tanks, the generators won't start. He will try to make a decision on what to do with them by the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought copies of the Mile marker and Water stop list for the Half Marathon to the meeting and corrected some of the mistakes. It looks like all of the locations are going

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to be covered. A short discussion followed.

Nothing was reported on the radios that Bob Smith, KB8RNE, has for sale. Ken, WA8LLM, will try to check with Bob before the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't got a hold of Chic-Fil-A, about their Fun Night. He will do something by next month.

Selling of the RADA knives are on hold until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought a copy of the Field Day report, for all to look at. He will mail one to the ARRL in the next few days.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has heard from three people there was BINGO games being held at the Interstate Fair. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the tables the group purchased with a grant received from the Parkersburg Community Foundation. He said the group now has 40 new tables. They will be used at the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO to finish the report to the Foundation. A short report has already been sent to the Parkersburg Community Foundation. When he went to the Post Office on the way to the meeting, he picked up the grant check. It will be deposited in the bank and wait for the Lowe's Credit Card Bill to come.

## NEW BUSINESS

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There will be W5YI VE Testing at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department on August 9th at 6:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Art Ellis, W8PBO. Art said that his health wasn't very good, and that he was going into a nursing home when he gets moved back to Michigan. He said that since he wouldn't be able to operate from the nursing home that he would be getting out of Amateur Radio. Art wanted to give a bunch of his Amateur Radio, and test equipment to WCEC. Ken and Dot, KC8HAI, went to Ravenswood to pick up the equipment. Art wanted to make sure the equipment was put to use, or sold,

and the money put into the group treasury. Ken wrote him a donation letter, and sent it, along with a copy of the WCEC 501c3 IRS Tax Determination Letter.

Maryanne Courtney, N8TWT, came to the meeting to ask for help in the disposal of her late husband's (Bill, N8RMY) Amateur Radio equipment and other electronic equipment. She is trying to sell the equipment and put it in a school scholarship under Bill's name. A short discussion followed. There was a reminder of the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO August 16, 17, and 18.

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There was also a reminder of the Volcano Days BINGO September 26, 27, and 28.

Ken, said that since the WV ARRL State Convention would be held at Jackson Mills, in Weston, that he would be going to it, and wouldn't be able to hold the monthly class, or attend the Honey Festival. He also said the community of Deerwalk wanted to use one of the WCEC 24 by 40 canopies for their Homecoming.

Ken said that he would drop it off at the community building on his was to Jackson Mills.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to transfer all of the money out of the BINGO account to the regular account before putting any of this year's BINGO money in it. Clearing the BINGO account each year is a requirement set by the WV State Tax Department.

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Joe Rice KD8YVB, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Maryanne Courtney N8TWT