



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

### Minutes of February 4, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 20 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the January 7, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dot, KC8HAI, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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, N8NWV, 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 wasn't going to be able to do any work on the repeater until the weather got better. There is still a problem with one Remote Receiver being selected wrong, but we will just have to live with it until he is able to work on it. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he has one grant ready to be submitted, and is looking into some others he wants to work on.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't been able to print up any of donation letters since he doesn't have any ink for the printer. He and Ken, WA8LLM, have ordered ink for the printer and it should be here shortly.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is still playing with Mission Manager program, and may try to get it in operation for the WCEC group. Ken, WA8LLM, said the members should still keep track of their hours and mileage until the Mission Manager is put into operation. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, still haven't worked on the list of T-Shirts. There was a short discussion about other suppliers of the T-Shirts.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent Bill the January DAREN News and ARES Bulletins on January 31st. Ken said that he would talk to Bill about putting a disclaimer on the website that it's not the webmaster who is slacking on getting the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins kept up to date. Ken said that he would try to get the

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previous month's News and Bulletins to Bill around the first of each month.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that every time he is at the Health Department he is unable to talk to Dick Wittberg about getting a copy of the Health Department insurance certificate. The certificate is for the Airport Authority so the group can get moved into the Airport Building. Ken said that he will have to try another day to talk to Dick.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some WCEC patches left if anyone wants one or more. They are \$2.00 each.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the new communications trailer. He said that he's been unable to do any work on the trailer, but if it's needed, it could be placed into operation in an emergency.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Tim Miller at Miller Communications yet about moving the 443.175 MHz repeater to the Sand Hill Tower site. Even when he gets permission to move the repeater, it won't be moved until the weather gets better.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on what CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is doing, and planning to do. He gave a couple of events or training coming up, but he says the best way to find out what activities are being held is to check on the CERT Mission Manager.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Printed Circuit Board class held on January 25th. There were 14 people

at the class, even though the day started out being snowy. He said that he thought everyone enjoyed the class and even learned something about making Printed Circuit Boards. The February class will be the sitting up of the Portable Telephone PBX. The class will be held on February 22nd at the Health Department starting at about 9:00am. The March class will be on basic electronics. Ken asked if anyone had any suggestions for other classes. Matt, KD8GWP, asked about having a survival type class for one of the monthly classes. Matt said that he would teach the class. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician Class and testing, that was held on January 11th. There were eight people who took the class. Out of the eight, four passed the test and have received their licenses. Three of those who received their licenses were at the meeting: Kristi Lamp, KD8WHM, Matt Lamp, KD8WHN, and Joezie Hickman, KD8WHO.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he picked up the 24 inch Flat Screen TV that is going to be raffled off at the March 4th WCEC Business Meeting. It was discussed what we should have the raffle tickets ready for the May raffle. With spring coming, and power outages, it was suggested that we raffle off the second generator that has already been purchased.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report of the Fund Raising Committee. She said they dropped the movie night plans because of legal issues of showing movies. The group decided to hold a

Soup Bean Supper instead. The Soup Bean Supper will be held on February 28th at the Lubeck Civic Center Building. The dinner will run from 5:00pm until 8:00pm, or until the food runs out.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a repeater which the group has taken over ownership, and maintenance of. He said the paperwork has been completed and the repeater is now the responsibility of WCEC. The repeater has been off the air, so it needs to be put back into operation. The repeater will be located in Ripley, in Jackson County. Primary use of the repeater will be for the Jackson County CERT group, under the leadership of Dave Bradley, N8DWB.

There was a discussion about having a Public Information Officer for the WCEC group. Brad, KC8TYU, said that he would take the position, if no one else wanted it. Brad said that he has taken some of the PIO classes. Brad is now the PIO for WCEC.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the rent for the Lubeck Civic Center Building. Because an invoice was never sent, he said that WCEC didn't pay the rent for 2013, and the rent will be due again in May. He has talked to the trustee about the building rent, and they said they would send a bill for last year and this year, plus the rent for the Soup Bean Supper. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot about checking with the Honey Festival officials about operating the BINGO Games at their event. He said

that he will be sure to find out something before the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ken, WA8LLM, said the WCEC Business License and Annual Report are due by the last of June. The cost of the license is \$25. He said that he would take care of it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the IRS 501c3 Tax Exempt Report is due by May 15. He said that he would take care of it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a one day Technician Radio Class to be held at Point Pleasant, in Mason County on March 8th. Some of the Wood County VE Team will be teaching the class and doing the testing.

The Polar Bear Plunge will be held on February 8th. WCEC hasn't be asked for the warming tents yet.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the donation checks from Wal\*Mart has arrived and will be deposited in the WCEC Regular account.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the New Facebook website.

WCEC hasn't been asked to help yet with the Valentine Road Race which will be held in Vienna in February.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned.

## **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jozie Hickman KD8WHO/Unit 383, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Scooby Sawyer AK9DOG, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375