



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC Minutes of January 7, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the December 3, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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, KD8GWP, and seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater was working okay, and that it may be awhile before he can get to any of the Remote Receivers to switch them around. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he will start working on grants as soon possible. He gave the names of some of the places he is going to try. There was a short discussion as to what equipment is needed and which grants the group should apply for. A couple ideas was get a generator and external lights for the new communications trailer. Also new tables would be nice to have. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't bring any of the donation letters to

the meeting this month since he didn't have any of them printed up.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has been looking through the new program of Mission Manager, and thinks it could come in real handy keeping track of the members' hours and mileage. There was discussion as to which group, WCEC or CERT, the hours and mileage should go to. It was discussed that any hours and mileage of WCEC activities, and WCEC training, would go to WCEC, and any activities, and training sponsored, and put on by CERT would go to CERT. Putting the same hours to both organizations would not be right, it would look like there was double the amount of hours and mileage. Terry is going to keep working on the Mission Manager program.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, didn't get to work on the list of T-Shirts do to all of the other activities over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He has been restructuring the website, and it's not up to date. He says the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins are little behind. Those who have looked at the site since Bill has been working it over, likes the new look. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the Table Top exercise at the airport he talked to Terry Moore. Terry had told him that a certificate of Health Department insurance is all that is needed to satisfy the insurance requirement to get the building at the airport. Ken was going to talk to Tim Miller at the Health Department to get the certificate. But, before Ken could talk to Tim, Tim left the Health Department. Ken said that he would try to talk to Dick Wittberg at the Health Department on Friday January 10th.

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 due to the weather being either wet, cold, or snow nothing has been done to the trailer in the last month, followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has hopes that it looks like the raffle of the generator will offset the enacting of a membership dues. If those who don't work the Fund Raising activities like BINGO, sales tickets for the raffles, then there won't need to be

membership dues. There was a short discussion about the raffle.

All of the tickets for the drawing of the generator raffle were placed in the ticket drum. Tyler, KD8RKE, drew the winning ticket. The winner of the generator was Mike Beckett, who works at Waste Management. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would deliver the generator to the winner in the next few days. Since the drawing was so good, Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to have a raffle every other month, seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried. There was a discussion on what items should be raffled off. Several good ideas were brought up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to the winter weather, nothing has been done about moving the 443.175 MHz repeater to the Sand Hill Tower site. He still needs to talk to Tim Miller about using the Sand Hill tower site.

There was no report on what CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is doing, and planning to do.

There was a short discussion about the monthly classes that will be starting on Saturday, January 25th, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. The classes will start at about 9:00 am. The class this month will be the making of Printed Circuit Boards. It will show how printed circuit boards are made. The students will get a chance to make their own Printed Circuit Board. A project of a computer soundcard-to-radio interface will be made. Those attending the class will learn how printed circuit boards are made.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Christmas Parade held in Vienna and Parkersburg. A lengthy discussion followed on participating in other parades, and sitting up Amateur Radios displays at other locations such as the Mall.

Terry, KC8TYE, and Ken, WA8LLM, gave reports on the Table Top exercise held at the Wood County Airport. Ken said the group finally got a copy of the Airport Emergency Plan. Terry Moore of the airport asked that Ken look over the communications section, and give any feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

At the CERT Christmas Dinner on December 16th, it was decided to hold a one day Technician Class license class. The class will be held on January 11th at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. The class will start at about 9:00am.

Since there's going to be a raffle every other month, Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to raffle off a 24 inch TV, that does not exceed the price of \$175. Motion seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about holding Field Day. Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to hold Field, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Motion carried. There was a discussion about CERT holding an HSEEP exercise at the same time and location as the Field Day event. Ken, WA8LLM, passed on some of the

plans for the exercise that Rick, WV8DOC, and Bob, KD8PYF, are planning to do. A lengthy discussion followed.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to operate the BINGO games at the Parkersburg Homecoming, seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried.

Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to operate the BINGO games at the Volcano Days festival, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to purchase the BINGO Licenses for the two BINGO events, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said her fund raising committee has been talking about a movie night, or a dinner. She will see what they can come up with.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a UHF Repeater that he is in the process of taking over the ownership and maintenance of. It is still in the planning stages.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the February monthly class would be the setting up of the portable telephone PBX system. Ken asked the group if there are any other monthly classes that the group would like to have. Suggestions were basic electronics, and emergency antenna sit ups.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the rebate check from Yaesu for the radios that were purchased for last year's Hamfest was in hand. It was decided to place the money in the Raffle/Hamfest Checking account.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to renew the rent on the Lubeck Community Building when it comes due. The motion was seconded by Ken, KB8QPW. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has paid for the PO Box for this year. The cost of the PO Box is now \$140. There was a short discussion about changing it to a smaller box or another Post Office. If the PO Box was changed all of the WCEC addresses would have to be changed. Address such as the Tax Exempt 501c3, all the trailer licenses, the State Business Licenses, State Tax Department, the club Amateur Radio License, and others that were not thought of. It was decided to keep the PO Box as 3328 for now.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that we should think about getting someone to be a Public Information Officer (PIO). The PIO's job would be to contact radio stations about upcoming WCEC activities, locate places the group could set up Amateur Radio displays, etc. He said the members should think about it, and maybe someone would like to have the position.

Other items that were brought up was checking with the Honey Festival about operating the BINGO games at their event, and the placing of the 12 foot by 20 foot WCEC banner on the Flood Wall during the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Barb, KD8QSY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 2 Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278.