



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC Minutes of March 4, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 26 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 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.

The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that a couple weeks ago the repeater had some kind of noise on it. He would check the remote receiver at his house to make sure that it has the CTCSS Tone turned on. Ken said that he is planning to go to a Skywarn class in Elizabeth on March 14th. He will go to the class a little earlier and stop by the Wirt County Remote Receiver site to remove the remote receiver. He will take the remote receiver to the 911 site, and change it out. When he gets a chance he will take the 911 remote receiver back to the Wirt County site. While he is at the

Wirt County site he is planning to change out the DAREN Packet station.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that after about a month of working with the Parkersburg Area Foundation, he finally got the grant submitted. He said the grant is for somewhere \$2800. He is still looking at a couple of other grants.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he got the ink for the printer, but it seems like one of the print heads may be bad. He has talked to tech support, and they said the print head may need to be replaced. If he gets the printer working he will start printing off the donation letters.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that since he has been working on the grants, that he hasn't had time to work on the Mission Manager program. Rick, WV8DOC, and Bob, KD8PYF, talked about of the problems they had with the program, but they worked through them. Terry said that he would start working on the program again. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, still haven't worked on the list of T-Shirts. Judy, N8UFQ, said the girl who will be doing the shirts talked to her a few days ago.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He said there were a few links that he had problems with, but he would be able to correct them. There are few sites that are linked, which are no longer being maintained, so he is going to remove them. He said as far as he knows, the website is up-to-date. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would send the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins to Bill around the first of each month that way Ken won't get so far behind.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will try to talk to the person who took Tim Millers place at the Health Department. Maybe he will be able to get a copy of the Health Department insurance certificate. If he can get the certificate, maybe the group will be able to get moved into the building at the Airport. Ken said that he talked to Don Williams, N8NUS, about

chairs that are at the old Civil Air Patrol building. Don said the group can have the chairs for the new building at the Airport. Ken asked Don about the computers that WCEC loaned to the Civil Air Patrol. Don said he would check on them.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new communications trailer is still sitting at the same location. When the weather get warmer so that he can work in it, he's planning on installing the radios. Ken explained how the antennas are going to work, and will be patched to the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was at Miller Communications on the Friday before the meeting, but he wasn't able to talk Tim Miller about moving the 443.175 MHz repeater to the Sand Hill Tower site.

Rick, WV8DOC, and Bob, KD8PYF, gave a report on what CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is planning to do. Bob said there are a lot of activities they are planning to hold. He also said they are in the process of getting an MOU with the Red Cross. The activities they are planning will be put on the CERT website. A lengthy discussion followed.

The raffle of the 24 inch Flat Screen TV was held, and report on how much

money was made. Rick Modesitt was the lucky winner.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report of the Soup Bean Dinner held on February 28th. She said that it was a good turnout. She said there were some businesses that either donated, or give a discount on some of the supplies for the dinner. The Fund Raising Committee is planning on another dinner, but it would be brought up under new business. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the new 444.150 repeater that is going to be installed in Ripley so the CERT group, under the leadership of Dave Bradley, N8DWB, would have a repeater to coordinate their activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the monthly class that was held on February 22nd. The class was on the set up and operation of the portable PBX system. Bob, KD8PYF, said that he had a great time at the class, and learned a lot. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the rent for the Lubeck Civic Center Building. He

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the subject for the monthly class to be held on March 22nd, would be on Basic Electronics. The class will be held at the

has left messages for the owners of the building to send the invoice so the rent can be paid for last year, this year, and for the two days the dinners are being held. He still hasn't heard anything back from them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has renewed the WCEC business license with the state.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the IRS 501c3 income tax return has been submitted, and accepted.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group that some of the Wood County VE Team would be going to Point Pleasant this coming Saturday, March 8th, to hold a one Technician Class and VE Testing for the Mason County CERT group. There will be anywhere from 8 to 15 people taking the class.

Ken, WA8LLM, said as far as he knows the Polar Bear Plunge was held. He was never notified if they needed the warming tents. The Polar Plunge was to be held at the Parkersburg City Park.

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, starting at about 9:00am.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Fund Raising group is planning to hold a Hot Dog Supper on May

24th. The Hotdogs will be grilled. The dinner will run from 12 Noon to 6:00pm. She said the hotdog dinners can be delivered to the plants as long as there are at least eight orders.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought the tickets and fliers for the May raffle. The raffle is an 800 Watt Generator. A drawing for the generator will be held at the May 6th, WCEC Meeting.

There was a discussion on whether we should drop the charge for the tables at the Hamfest. Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to drop the cost for the tables, as long as those wanting tables notify WCEC at least a week in advance of how many tables they need. If there is no advance notification the cost of the tables would be five dollars. Motion seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

There was also a short discussion about changing the location of the Hamfest to the Lubeck Civic Center in 2015. A short discussion

followed. Nothing was decided. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't contacted the ARRL about making the Hamfest an ARRL sanctioned event, but he would do it before the next meeting.

There was a reminder the Charleston Hamfest would be held on March 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Artsbridge, would be holding their VSA at WVU-P on Wednesday, March 19th. Those wishing to help should show up at the collage at about 8:00am.

There was a reminder about a Skywarn class that will be held on March 14th at the Wirt County High School in Elizabeth.

Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Judy Peterson N8UFO/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Scooby Sawyer AK9DOG, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295,