



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of November 4, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 22 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 7, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Brad, KC8TYU, 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. Ken, WA8LLM, said that check number 1417 for \$280 to Lubeck Civic Center still hasn't been returned. He doesn't want to cancel the check because it will cost to do that. He will contact Judy, N8UFQ, to see if she can remind the civic center treasurer about the check. A short discussion followed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Rick, WV8DOC, said the interference on the repeater that he had heard was just some kind of birdie near the repeater frequency that was not doing enough harm to worry about.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that while he was trying to print out a copy of the McDonough Foundation grant for 200 chairs, and a couple 24 by 40 canopies, he had printer trouble. A new printer was purchased, and he said the grant should be submitted within the week.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that said he is going to re-word the donation letters to

reflect the upcoming years activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Terry, KC8TUE, gave him the T-Shirts to bring to the meeting. Ken said the shirts would be given out to those who are going to help with the groups activities.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is as up-to-date as it can be. He is going to check on a couple of dead links. Ken, WA8LLM, asked Bill if WCEC has anything to do with Network Associates. The owner of Network Associates passed away. Bill said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is at Network Associates. If anything happens to them, the group may have to move the site somewhere else, and have to start paying

for it. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has not been able to talk to the CEO of the Health Department yet. He had heard the state Health Department wasn't for sure if they were getting the old Armory at the airport or not. There was a discussion about other buildings the group would like to move into, including the one at 1810 Staunton Ave. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that with all of the other activities going on, that he hasn't been able to start working on installing the radios in, and the antennas on, the new WCEC communications trailer. Since most of the activities are about done, he is planning to put an electric heater in the trailer so that it will be warm while working on it during the winter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been working on HF antennas that will be used on Field Day next year, and hasn't finished putting together the new antenna for the 443.175 MHz repeater, or installing it on the Sand Hill tower. He is hoping to start working on the donated Motorola Repeater shortly.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the new antenna and Motorola repeater haven't been installed on Sand Hill, the Jackson County UHF repeater is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to look for

the modifications to place the Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County, on the Amateur bands yet.

The October monthly class, was a one day General Class License class. Out of the seven people that took the class, six of them upgraded to General. Those who upgraded were, Krista, KC8VLJ, Kendale, KD8QAK, Colt, KD8UAC, Kristie, KD8WHM, Matt, KD8WHN, and Joe, KD8YVB. There was no firm plans for a November class, but it looks like the class may be held at Bill, N8JXO's house. The class may be how to set up the HF antennas that will be used for Field Day. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would send out an E-Mail when things are finalized. Ken, had a sample of a 6 Meter Cubical Quad antenna that will be used for Field Day at the meeting for show-n-tell. A short discussion followed.

Since there was very little interest at the October meeting, in selling Raffle Tickets, there was no discussion about holding a raffle.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about how many people registered at the Hamfest, and how it went. Ken said that he has already purchased two generators, and 20 Multimeters, and some other items, for next year's Hamfest, if the group decides to hold one. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he mounted a 4 Bay antenna on his 90 foot tower, and now

has the CW Practice Transmitter on the air. Until the format for the CW training is established, the Transmitter will be sending out information in the form of a Beacon. The transmitter is operating on the frequency of 145.63 MHz. The transmitter is putting out 100 Watts, and has been on the air steady since 9:00am Saturday, November 1st. Those wanting to learn Morse Code should see if they are able to hear the transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were eight people that showed up for the last Cross Country races which were held on October 16th. Matt, KD8WHN, discussed how to record the first five runners as they pass the mile markers.

Mike, KD8VLL, gave an approximate cost of pouring a concrete pad at Mountwood Park for use of the BINGO games during any activities that WCEC is involved. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he hasn't talked to Bob, KD8PYF, about getting an Amateur Radio Hamshack put at the 911 Communications Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the use of the canopies at the Broadway Church of Nazarene for their Halloween party. Ken said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, were the only ones who showed up at 8:00am on Thursday morning October 30th to put the two canopies together. They finished at about 12:00 noon, getting them put together, stood up, and

secured in case any storms showed up like they did last year. Ken and Dot took the canopies apart Friday morning, and took the canopy trailer back to storage.

There was some discussion about the Red Cross MOU. Most of those at the meeting didn't like the MOU because it only talked about what WCEC would be providing Red Cross, and not anything about what the Red Cross would be providing to WCEC. It was decided the group would think about what the Red Cross would provide.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report how much money the group from the Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night event that was held on Friday, October 3rd. She said the group made \$142 at the event. She also talked about holding the same type of event at Wendy's. Since Roy Green, KD8PYC's brother is a manager at one of the Wendy's, she suggested that we hold a Spirit Night at a Wendy's, and give Roy Greens family half of the proceeds.

## New Business

There was a reminder there would be W5YI VE testing at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 13th at the Health Department.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to give a presentation about Amateur Radio to the Washington

County LEPC, on December 10th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since very few, or no one else was helping set up the canopies when they are requested, that he would rent the canopies, tables, and/or chairs from WCEC. He would announce when any of the equipment was going to be set up and used, and he would donate some of the money out of the use of the equipment to WCEC. The amount of donation would depend on how much help members of WCEC provided.

Since there has been discussions all of last year, and this year about having a membership dues for those members who don't participate in the fund raising events, or working behind the scenes, it was decided to start charging a membership dues. The membership dues will be \$20 for each member who does not, or has not helped, with the fund raising events such as BINGO, canopy setups, and Raffles, or worked behind the scenes. The dues will start in January 2015. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would send out an E-Mail to all of those who have not been helping with the fund raising activities, and will need to pay membership

dues, so they can say they are a member of WCEC. Ken said there would be some people who would be upset, but for the last several years only about 10 percent of the members are doing 90 percent of the work, on fund raising events.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a review of the Bylaws, with some changes that need to be made due to the starting of membership dues.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion to hold a Christmas Dinner at the December meeting. Tyler, KD8RKE, seconded the motion. Motion carried. The dinner will be covered dish, and WCEC would provide the meat and drinks. Dot, KC8HAI, said there would be a gift exchange for those who want to participate in it. The gift exchange should not exceed \$10.

Matt, KD8WHN, wanted to know if the group was going to participate in the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades. He said that he would take charge of the events. A short discussion followed.

Barb, KD8SQY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

## THOSE IN ATTENANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Mason Matheny Unit 384/KD8YLI, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Barbra

Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit  
299M, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,  
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295,