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WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 2, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at about 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 21 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 5, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, 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 Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the repeater still seems to be working okay. Rick, WV8DOC, said that while his radio is on scan, that from time-to-time, it stops on a 157 MHz frequency. He would keep track of the frequency and let Ken know.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is working on a grant through the McDonough Foundation for 200 chairs, and a couple 24 by 40 canopies to replace the ones that have been damaged during some of the storms.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he forgot to bring the donation letters to the meeting. He did say that Matt, KD8GWP, and Jenifer, Unit 299A, took about 20 of the letters.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't get with the people to have the T-Shirts made. Terry, KC8TUE, took a copy of the list of T-Shirts sizes that we want made up. He will call the girl in a few days. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Bill, N8JXO, couldn't make it to the meeting, but the website is as up-to-date as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't been able to meet with the new CEO of the Health Department, but as

soon as he can, he is going to update her on what was being planned for the building at the airport.

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 he hasn't done any work on the new WCEC communications trailer. He did say that it was used at the Parkersburg Homecoming, and will be used at Volcano Days. A short Discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due so many other activities he still hasn't done anything with the new antenna to be put on the 443.175 MHz repeater or the Motorola Repeater that will take the place of the Kenwood repeater that is in operation at Sand Hill.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the installing of the Jackson County UHF repeater is still depending on the Kenwood repeater is replaced at the Sand Hill tower site.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment from Jackson County.

Since there was no monthly class in August, there was no class report.

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Since there was no interest in holding a Raffle drawing, there will be no drawing in November.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought a package of ARRL material that he had received to the meeting. Most of the material in the package would be used for door prize drawings at the Hamfest on October 11th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wants to take a donation letter to Harbor Freight to get some more items for door prizes. Terry and Ken, WA8LLM, are planning on the trip to Universal Radio to get the Main Door Prizes. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said two Onan Generators are still in the yard covered up. He is hoping to connect a battery to them and see if they would turn over.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he mailed a copy of the Field Day information to the ARRL. Ken talked about the work he is doing with antennas for next year's Field Day, followed a lengthy discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He said that everything worked great. He wanted to thank everyone who helped. He needs to talk to the officials about the donation that was received.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he tried to call Bob, KB8RNE's Grandson a couple of times but didn't get an answer. He forgot to call again later. Ken said that he would try again to get a hold of him.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't got a hold of Chic-Fil-A, about their Spirit Night event. He did stop at

Chic-Fil-A and picked up another copy of the rules. Tyler, KD8RKE, suggested that we should try to get it on a Wednesday evening. Ken, said that he would check on it.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short report on the CW Practice Transmitter, and what needs to be done, before it can go on the air.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a list of the equipment that Art Ellis, W8PBO, had donated to WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO.

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

Mike, KD8VLL, gave a report on the WV ARRL State Convention at Jackson Mills.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that all of the money in BINGO Checking account has been transferred into the Regular checking account, and the Raffle checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to put up the canopy for Deerwalk's Homecoming the morning he went to Jacksons Mill, but ended up putting it up the Friday before.

Mike, KD8VLL, brought up that several months ago the group talked about trying to get some of the concrete companies to donate their over stock of concrete to building a concrete pad where the BINGO Tent is located at Mountwood Park.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that the Chic-Fil-A Cross County races was on Saturday September 6th at 9:00am. Those wanting to help needs to be on

location by 8:00am. Followed by a short discussion.

There was a reminder about the cross county races in

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September and October.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a one day Technician class on September 20 at the Health Department.

Mineral Well VFD hasn't ask for one of the 24 by 40 canopies for their Pig Roast, which will be held on September 13th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the bill from Lowes for the new tables has never shown up yet.

Rick, WV8DOC, suggested that since Rick Woodyard is now the E-911 Director, and that he is in favor of Amateur Radio, that we try to get an Amateur Radio Hamshack at the 911 Center. He said that Bob, KD8PYF, has already mentioned it to the Director.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to modify enough of the old BINGO tables to take to the Volcano Days BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, had one of the clocks at the meeting for Show-N-Tell.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Joseph Rice KD8YVB, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352,