



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of April 7, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 28 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 3, 2015, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, 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. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that during the last winter storm, the repeater operated for about four days on battery power before going off the air. When the commercial power came back on, the repeater had lost its memory and was not identifying. Matt, N8MDG, spotted the problem and corrected it. Ken wanted to thank Matt for keeping an eye on the repeater. That was the only problem that was reported since the report last month.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has the grant for the chairs ready to be submitted to the Parkersburg Foundation at the beginning of the next grant cycle.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't bring any of the donation letters to the meeting this month. He did drop some of them off to Matt, KD8GWP, and Jenifier, Unit 299A.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He said that it was up-to-date, except for the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the building at the airport. He said that he and Bob, KD8YPB, have been talking with Jeff McDougale, the Airport Manager, about the building at the airport. They are going to meet with him at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 10th to discuss the lease agreement that was written about four years ago. Bob, received a quote for insurance if the lease agreement can be worked out. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there hasn't been any work on the new communications trailer since last month. He said that he needs to get the trailer cleaned up from the work that has been done over the winter. He said that in a real disaster, the trailer could be put into operation.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the 443.175 MHz repeater on Sand Hill, seems to be working okay. He said that it seemed to be off the air for a short time, but its okay now.

Work on the Jackson County UHF repeater hinges on the completion of the work on the



Wood County 443.175 MHz repeater. Ken, WA8LLM, said that as soon as the replacement repeater for the 443.175 repeater is put in operation, he is hoping to have Matt, N8NMG, reprogram and tune the duplexers so the repeater can be placed in operation in Jackson County.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County. Most of it hinges on trying to get frequency channel elements to put the equipment into the Amateur bands.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has had a few comments from other Amateurs about the CW Practice transmitter on 145.63 MHz. He said the transmitter will stay on the air as long as people want to use its CW practice transmissions.

Since Bob, KD8PYF, had to work and couldn't make the meeting, he wasn't able to give a report on the building of a Hamshack at the E-911 Center. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we still have some time to finish modifying the BINGO Tables before the Parkersburg Homecoming. Matt, KD8GWP, said that he would make his shop available to work on them.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Red Cross is still being restructured and they haven't had time to get back with him on any modifications, if any, that needs to be done on the WCEC/Red Cross MOU. It was discussed that an MOU isn't needed right now, if the Red Cross needs help.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group about the wedding in Pleasants County which will be held to same weekend as Field Day. The canopies will be set up on Thursday, June 25th, and taken down on Monday, June 27th.

Cathy, KD8DJJ, said the date has been set to hold the Spirit Night type event at the Sweet Frog. The date will be Monday, May 18th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. There was some discussion about holding a Show-N-Tell at the same time. They are not for sure if there will be enough room to set up a tent. Krista, KC8VLJ, said that if Radio Shack has closed their business by then, it may be possible to set up a tent in that area of the parking lot. Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the Sprit Night type event at Sweet Frog, which he helped with last month.

After the final modifications of the By-Laws, they were E-Mailed out to everyone. Rick, WV8DOC, read them to the group for the first reading. He said that he will read them again at the May Business Meeting, where they will be voted on.

Ken, WA8LLM, would like everyone to update the information of their ARES membership. Copies of the ARES Form were at the meeting.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Pancake Breakfast that was held Sunday, March 8th. She said the turn out was low, and very little money was made. She couldn't give a final total since the group is waiting for a bill for the rent of the building.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she now has a date for the Chic-Fil-A Sprit Night. The date is April 10th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. She described what kind of activity is needed from the members who help. Rick, WV8DOC, has updated the brochures and is hoping that Ken,



WA8LLM, can get copies of it made before the Chic-Fil-A Sprit Night event.

Ken, WA8LLM, still hasn't heard anything back from Harbor Freight on the request for donations for the Hamfest. He can't find a telephone number of who to call, or a way to contact them on the Internet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Duane, N8LDM, who has asked for help with the Challenge at Mountwood, Mountain Bike Race. The Mountain Bike race will be held on Sunday, April 12th. The race starts a 12 Noon. Anyone wanting to help should be at Mountwood Park by 9:00 am to get their assignments and get on location. Ken, WA8LLM, explained what information is needed to keep track of the riders. Ken said to just think warm and dry. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he completed IRS 501c3 Tax Report. He said the password needed to be updated, but all else was okay. Within a half hour he received an E-Mail from the IRS stating they had received the report and has accepted it. The taxes are over for another year.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs to get the WCEC Business License renewed by the last of June.

There was a short discussion about the prizes for the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had some Hamfest fliers printed and took them to the Charleston Hamfest. Fliers will also be taken to the Athens and Jackson County Hamfests. The radios haven't been purchased yet to keep from having more money added to the Credit Card until some of the fund raising events are over. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has been in contact with Universal Radio about the radios. They said if we purchase the radios they will hold them for us until we come pick them up. They will then put together the Hamfest door prize donations. Ken said that he still needs to contact the ARRL so that the Hamfest will be an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest.

The BINGO Licenses haven't been order yet, but we still have time to get them ordered.

Reports on the Artsbridge activity at WVU-P, were given by several of those who helped at the event.

Mike, KD8VLL, gave a presentation called "What Should We Do?". The presentation was on the WCEC finances and membership dues. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will talk to the management of ALDIs in Vienna, when the manager isn't busy, about having a Show-N-Tell, and also about a Fund Raiser by returning Grocery Carts.

There was a reminder there will be a one day Technician Class License class to be held on April 11th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. W5YI VE Testing will be held at the end of the class. Dana, WV8G, will be giving up the W5YI Contact VE position.

There was a reminder there will be a one day General Class License class to be held on May 9th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. W5YI VE Testing will be held at the end of the class.



NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the tape ran out at the November meeting, he doesn't have any record of who made the motion, and who seconded the motion to have a membership dues for those who Fund Raising activities falls below an acceptable level. A discussion followed. Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion that everyone will pay a membership dues of \$20, with a formula that will reduce the amount each member pays depending on the amount of hours they participate in Fund Raising activities, and an en-kind amount for non-Fund Raising WCEC Business activities. The members must report their own time. Motion seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion passed.

There was a reminder the Vienna Fun Run will be held on April 18th in Vienna. Those wanting to help should be at Hardee's, in Vienna, by 7:00 am so they can be assigned and be on location, since the race starts at 8:00 am. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will have six of the Race Clocks ready to be used at the five Mile Marker locations.

There was a reminder of the Chick-Fil-A Road Run on May 16th.

There was a reminder about the Athens Hamfest on April 26th.

There was a reminder about the Jackson County Hamfest on May 2nd.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Fund Raising Committee is planning to hold a Summerfest Event at the Mineral Wells Community Building on Saturday, July 18th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm.

Eastwood VFD needs to borrow the tables and chairs for a Relay for Life event at the Fire Station on Saturday May 9th. The tables need to be delivered to the Fire station on Friday, May 8th.

Woodcraft wants WCEC to operate BINGO games at their company picnic on June 3rd, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. A donation will be given to WCEC.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jozie Hickman KD8WHO/Unit 383, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, David Stevens Jr, Barbora Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385