



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.**

### **Minutes of August 4, 2015**

**The group enjoyed a great picnic.**

**The business meeting was called to order at about 7:25pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 41 members and guests present.**

**A motion to accept the July 7, 2015, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said he hasn't had any reports about any problems with the system.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said the opening date has arrived for the applying for the grants from the Parkersburg Foundation for chairs. He is going to be submitting it in within the next week or so.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, didn't bring any donation letters to the meetings, since he figured no one would be interested in taking them because of the picnic.**

**Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting, so there was no report on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) website. Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he looked at the site, it seemed to be up-to-date.**

**Report on the building at the airport was held off until the September meeting.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he purchased a new tire for the communications trailer. It is now ready to be taken to the homecoming for use as the BINGO office and net control for the Half Marathon.**

**A report on the 443.175 MHz repeater was held off until the September meeting.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from Dave Bradley, N8NWB, about the Jackson County UHF repeater. Ken said that he hasn't responded to the E-Mail yet.**

**A report on the Microwave equipment from Jackson County was held off until the September meeting.**

**A report on the CW Practice transmitter was held off until the September meeting.**



A report on the Ham Shack at the 911 Center was held off until the September meeting.

Matt, KD8GWP, gave a report on the modification of the BINGO tables. He said they are coming along fine. There will be another work party at Matt's house at about 2:00pm on Wednesday, August 5th.

A report on the Red Cross MOU was held off until the September meeting.

A report on the ARRL ARES Forms was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a problem with the electronic withdraw to be taken out of the Regular Checking account. A check has been written to the Secretary of State. The Business License and Annual Report, has been renewed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has some of the main prizes for the Hamfest, but the first place prize hasn't been ordered yet. He said there are several door prizes that have been collected. If anyone wants to get door prize donations they will be added to the list. He said that he has a confirmation from the ARRL the Hamfest is now an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest. He said that two or three weeks before the Hamfest the ARRL will send some door prizes. There was a short discussion about moving the Hamfest to the Mineral Wells Community Building for the 2016 Hamfest, if it is held. A motion to move the Hamfest, and if the building is available, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Summerfest held on July 18th. She said the event brought in about \$123 after all expenses had be paid. She said the Fund Raising group is starting to plan another Fest before the end of the year.

A report on the formula of the membership hours was held off until the September meeting.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held August 14th, 15th, and 16th. Set up time will be on Thursday, August 13th at about 5:00pm. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has ordered the BINGO License for the Homecoming and Volcano Day, and both licenses are in hand.

There was a mention about holding a weekly BINGO game at last month's meeting. A discussion would be held off until the September meeting.

The Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 15th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to have two radio operators at each of the Mile Markers. He wants each of them to have a radio, so that they will hear any calls that come to them. He said that each of the Mile Marker workers are being asked to operate the WCEC racing clocks. He brought the clocks to the meeting so they could be distributed to those working the Mile Markers. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the Cross Country foot race on the same day as the Hamfest. The race will be held after the Hamfest, so we should be able to cover the event with communications. We'll get more information later.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Neal Street Post Office was opened back up, but he is still in the



progress of changing the WCEC mailing address from the PO Box 3328, Parkersburg, to 319 Communications Drive, Waverly.

Terry, KC8TUE gave a report on the Wireless Network class held at the Parkersburg City Park on July 25th.

There was a reminder of the One Day Technician Amateur Radio class on August 29th, at the Health Department.

## NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing will be held at the Library on August 8th. Testing will be at 12 noon.

There was a short discussion about re-assigning Units Numbers, but it would be held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Tim Miller of Miller Communications. Tim would like to get the Sand Hill tower site cleaned up like we did last year. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would like to start a letter writing campaign for donations. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took the two 24 by 80 canopies to the Waverly VFD Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 1st.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a report the fees for Amateur Radio Vanity and GMRS Licenses would be done away with somewhere around the first of September.

Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that we buy the main prizes for the Hamfest for this year and next. Matt, KD8GWP, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Bob, KD8PYF, about using one of the 24 by 40 canopies for a family get-to-gather on September 5th. The event will be near Walker School, on Walker Road.

It was discussed that since Bob is a WCEC member that only a donation of the cost of transporting the canopy to and from the event. Ken, KB8QPW, made a motion Rick, WV8DOC, seconded. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there will be a Spaghetti Dinner on September 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held at the Mineral Wells Community Building.

Matt, KD8WHN, wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Summerfest.

Krista, KC8VLJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/UNIT 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elmo Lang, Blaine Auville WA8IOE, Libby Auville KA8FUA, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Dan Betts WV8X, Robin Betts, Ashley Betts, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, David Stevens Jr, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris Unit 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Kaityln Puffenberger, Mark Leatham KR5N, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Jim Rose KD8ITI, Kim Rose KD8ITH