



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of December 1, 2015

Everybody said they enjoyed the Christmas Dinner.

After the Christmas Dinner a short business meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 45 members and guests present.

There were introductions from those who were present.

A motion to accept the November 3, 2015 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that he, Dot, KC8HAI, and Sammy, N8SVX, stopped by the Wirt County remote receiver site on their way back from Jackson County. They checked out the Remote Receiver. The antenna was not pointing toward the repeater site. Ken climbed the tower and readjusted the beam antenna. The Wirt County receiver is back in good working order.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he wants to hold off on any grant reporting until the January meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, also wanted to hold off on donation letter reports until the January meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com website is up to date, except for the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would be sure and get them to Bill.

A report on the building at the airport was held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has installed an identification sign on the front of the Communications Trailer. He had E-Mailed a picture of the trailer to all of the members. He has also taken the trailer batteries to the house to be charged and checked out to see if they need to be replaced. He said that he hasn't installed the solar panels mounted on the top of the trailer yet.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the last time he checked out the 443.175 MHz repeater, that it seemed to be working just fine.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he and Dot, KC8HAI, and Sammy, N8SVX, were in Jackson County working on the State Wide DAREN Net Packet station, they found out the old tower isn't going to be removed. It was decided the antenna for the new 444.150 MHz repeater can be placed on the old tower. But the installing of the repeater hinges on when the new repeater for the 443.175 MHz repeater is changed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said a report on the Microwave equipment from Jackson County Office of Emergency Services will be held off until the January meeting.

Reports on the CW Practice transmitter will be held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Rick Woodard, the 911 Director, has been in the hospital and that he won't be back to work for at least a month. Ken will check with him the first time he can.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the ARES Registration Forms. If anyone hasn't filled out a Registration Form, or has any changes or additions to their equipment, they should fill out a new ARES Form and turn it into Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers. The fundraising hours will be used toward their membership dues, and the non-fundraising hours will be used as in-kind on future grants that we apply for. The members will be responsible for keeping track of their own hours.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't mailed the membership letter to those who haven't met the required time working on fund raising activities. He needs to purchase envelopes and should have them mailed in the next few days.

Reassigning membership unit numbers will be held off for awhile waiting to find out how many unit numbers become available.

Clean up of the Miller Communications tower site will be held off until the January meeting.

The letter writing campaign will be held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that checks were received for the use of canopies at the Cross County races, and from the Broadway Church of Nazarene for their Halloween party.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Hospital Region 5 exercise that will be held at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, on Thursday, December 10th. Set up of the telephone system, and installing additional antennas and radios needs to be done on Wednesday after noon.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Packet Radio class on November 28th. He said there were 12 people at the class.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the applications for the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas parades have been submitted. The Christmas Parades will be held on Saturday, December 5th. Jim, KD8ITI, wanted to know if the group was going to attend the Williamstown Christmas Parade. A short discussion followed. Matt said there would be a short parade



meeting after the regular WCEC meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought the new 2016 ID Cards to be distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that W5YI VE testing will be held on Saturday, December 12th. The testing will be held at the Parkersburg Library, at 12 noon.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is in the process of changing the cell phone service from Verizon Wireless to Traction. He is hoping we can keep the (304) 481-0611 telephone number. He has purchased several cell phones, at \$9.82, and has been trying to make them interface with the portable PBX Telephone system. A description on how the new cell phones should work with Call Forwarding, and with the PBX.

Ken, KB8QPW, suggested that we try to get a grant to purchase a computer projector which is needed at several classes that are held. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, 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, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Joezie Hickman KD8WHO/Unit 383, Jennifer Maple, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, David Stevens Jr., Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elma Lang, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Kim Rose KD8ITH, Jim Rose KD8ITI, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris Unit 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Kaitlin Puffenbarger, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Zach Robinson, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Javier Flores KJ6VVH