



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of February 3, 2015

The 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 January 6, 2015, 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, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that he has talked to Michael, KD8SCG, who is having trouble getting into the repeater, even though he lives within throwing distance of the Wirt County Remote Receiver. Ken thinks there may be a problem with the Elizabeth Remote Receiver. If he gets a chance he will make a trip to the tower site and check out the system.

Before the meeting started, Mike, KD8VLL, and Terry, KC8TUE, talked about the grant for the concrete pad at Mountwood Park. Since they were both applying to the same organization, McDonough Foundation, for grants, they are going to combine their two grants. Mikes grant is for concrete for a pad at Mountwood Park, where the BINGO games are operated. He said the concrete pad, and possible shelter can also be used for fund raising and training. Joe, KD8WHO, says he has some material that can be used in the concrete pad if the grant is approved. Terrys grant is for new chairs. A lengthy discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, has donation letters printed up, but didn't bring any of them to the meeting. If anyone needs a donation letter to contact Terry.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He now has complete control of the site. He has everything moved to another web server and has updated the web names. You can connect to either www.wc8ec.org or www.wc8ec.com Bill brought a bill for the cost of the site and said that it can be paid any time the funds are available. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't been able to talk to Doctor Mace, at the Health Department about the plans for the building at the airport. He did say that Jim Rose, KD8ITI, has talked to Doctor Mace about WCEC and what communications are available at the Health Department. Doctor Mace is still interested in getting her Technician License.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that very little has been done to the new WCEC communications trailer since the weather has been so bad, and that he twisted his ankle, and it makes it hard to get to the trailer. He took the Ohio MARCS radio to Miller Communications to have the Code Plug read to see if it needed updated, and also have it converted to an under-the-dash type radio. When he gets it back the communications trailer will have the WV State Interoperability and OH State Interoperability radios in operation. He would like to program the two Yaesu FT-8800 dual band radios for the UHF repeaters in the area. The radios are ready to be used, but they don't have all of the new UHF repeaters frequencies in them. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, is not for sure, but he thinks the 443.175 MHz repeater on Sand Hill is working okay. Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he gets the Dual Band radios in the Communication Trailer programmed, he will check out the 443 repeater.

Work on the Jackson County UHF repeater hinges on the completion of the work on the Wood County 443.175 MHz repeater.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County. Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs to see if he can get the frequency modules to put the equipment into the 900 MHz Amateur frequencies.

It was brought up about holding raffles. Ken, WA8LLM, asked for a show of hands as to who would help with raffles by selling tickets. There were very few who were interested. The raffle project was dropped due to lack of interest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he is still putting together new CW programs to be used on the CW practice transmitter. He is hoping to have the new CW Class programming completed in the next few days. The frequency of the CW Class transmitter is on 145.63 MHz. Ken said the CW practice transmissions will be operated 24 hours a day.

Bob, KD8PYF, said that he would talk to Rick Woodard, the E-911 Director, about putting together a Hamshack at the 911 Center. He would get back to the group about it.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained what kind of work needs to be done to modify the rest of the BINGO tables. The BINGO tables need to be modified before the Parkersburg Homecoming. A short discussion followed.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the MOU with the Red Cross. He said there was only one thing that needed corrected, and that was ownership of the Red Cross license for the transmitter which WCEC is maintaining. Ken, WA8LLM, gave an explanation on how Red Cross radio system works in the Wood County area. Rick also gave a report on activities the Red Cross is involved with. He said the Red Cross would like to get about five more volunteers to be on the DAT (Disaster Assistant Team). He passed around brochures for the members to look at. Rick also said the Washington County Red Cross is closing their doors, and that we should try to get their JEMNET Radio. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that membership dues were started at the beginning of the year, and that by the end of 2015, those members who have not participated in some of the fund raising activities, or paid their dues, would either be removed from the membership, or be re-classified as Auxiliary members.



Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group about the wedding in Pleasants County which will be held to same weekend as Field Day. Those holding the wedding want to use both of the two 24 by 40 canopies and 15 tables. It was brought up that new canopies and ropes should be purchased since we want the canopies to look good, and don't want to get them tore up by any winds that might happen. A lengthy discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, forgot to bring the paperwork that is needed to hold a Spirit Night type event at the Sweet Frog. Terry said that since the business is based on religion, that it is best held on a Sunday. There has been no date set, it is still in the talking stage. Cathy, KC8DJJ, has been working with Chic-Fil-A about holding a Sprit Night event. The two dates they are looking at are April 3rd and April 10th. Chic-Fil-A should be getting back with her before long.

There was a discussion about the changes to the By-Laws, and to what it means to be NIMS Compliant. A By-Laws committee consisting of Rick, WV8DOC, Terry, KC8TUE, Mike, KD8VLL, and Bob, KD8PYF, was put assigned. The committee will get together, look over the By-Laws, make changes, and report back to the group at the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought some more ID Cards to the meeting for those he had missed. He still needs to make up a couple more cards by the March meeting. Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that the ARES information be brought up to date. There are several ARES members who have changed their calls, their addresses, or the equipment they have access to. Ken said that he would bring ARES forms to the March meeting.

There was a reminder of the Soup Bean Supper to be held on Saturday February 28th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. There needs to be help setting up, serving, and tearing down.

There was a reminder of the Pancake Breakfast to be held on March 8th from 6:00am to 11:00am. There needs to be help setting up, serving, and tearing down.

There was a reminder about the W5YI VE testing on February 14th. Testing will be held at the Health Department 211 6th Street, Parkersburg. Testing will be at 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has submitted a request for donations to Harbor Freight for the Hamfest. There should get a response back within 30 days.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Mountain Bike website announced the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race is scheduled for April 12th. There has been no official request for help, and communications, for the event. She just wanted to let everyone know when it is going to be held, in case the group is asked for the help, as in the past. If asked to help, be sure to think Warm, Dry, and something to snack on while in the woods.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he has to get the IRS 501c3 Tax Report done by May 15th.

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



June.

The 4-H Building needs to be reserved for the Hamfest that will be held on October 10th.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion that a group picnic be held at the August meeting, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion the group hold their Christmas Dinner at the December meeting, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to purchase the radios for the Hamfest so we could have them on hand, and put them on the Hamfest Flier. Motion seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion passed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to purchase two new 24 by 40 canopies, for about \$150 each, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, talked about getting trays for the dinners that we hold. Two or three people said they would look around at different places that may sell trays, or maybe get them donated. A lengthy discussion followed.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. 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, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Joezie Hickman KD8WHO/Unit 383, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282