



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of January 6, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 15 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the December 2, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. 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 Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the CW transmitter has to be turned off during the Sunday Net so that it doesn't interfere with the local Remote Receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is going to be submitting the grant request to the McDonough Foundation in January.

Terry, KC8TUE, has donation letters printed up for the different events the group is holding. He didn't bring any of them to the January meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said that he has been locked out of the www.wc8ec.com website by the new owner of Network Associates. When he talked to the new owner he said that since WCEC is not paying for the site, and that WCEC doesn't have anything in writing about having the site at no cost because of services rendered to Network Associates, we would no longer have a free site. There was a discussion about moving the site to another location. Bill said that he could host the site at a location where he has other websites. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to allow Bill to move the site, and that WCEC would pay for the site. The cost of the new location would be about \$50 a year. Matt, KD8WHN, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill will take care of the move and update.

The building at the airport is still on hold until Ken, WA8LLM, can talk to Doctor Mace, at the Health Department. He said that he would try to talk to her before the February meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on some of the items that have been worked on in the new WCEC communications trailer. Ken said that he bought four 400 Watt Invertors that he hoped could be used as the back-up power for the computers. He said they cause interference on some of the radios, but can still be used as back-up when needed. He also has the Alert Tone wired into one of the radios so that it can be used to alert the fire



departments. He said the trailer would be operational by the Field Day in June.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that work on the 443.175 MHz repeater hasn't been done, and now that the weather has turned bad, it may be awhile before the new antenna can be mounted on the Sand Hill tower, and work on the Motorola repeater will be awhile.

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

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

There are no monthly classes scheduled until April. There was a short discussion about what kind of classes the group would like to have. It was suggested the April class would be a Packet Radio class. It was also suggested that a class on the basics of the superhetodyne receiver be held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he started transmitting the CW practice programs for teaching CW at 7:00pm on January 1st. He says the audio between the CW and the voice is not equal. He is going to work on another program. He said that if all goes well, he is planning to transmit the CW practice tapes 24 hours a day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Jeremy at Mountwood Park about the concrete pad where the BINGO games are held. Jeremy said that he didn't see any problem putting the concrete pad there. He also said that he would talk to the park committee about helping to put a roof on the pad. Bill, N8JXO, said that he had a quote for \$5200 for the installation of the pad. Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion that the group try to get promises for about \$6000 to cover the cost of the concrete pad. A second to the motion was made by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried. Ken said that he would talk to Mike, KD8VLL, since he is the one working on getting the donations.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he hasn't talked to Bob, KD8PYF, about trying to get a Ham Shack at the E-911 Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that work still needs to be done on the rest of the BINGO tables to get them ready for the Parkersburg Homecoming.

A short discussion about the Red Cross MOU was held. There were just a couple changes that should be made. Rick, WV8DOC, said that if he doesn't hear from anyone else by Monday, January 12th, that he would forward the Draft of the MOU to the higher ups and get their blessings. If it is okay by them, the WCEC would sign an MOU agreement.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the presentation about Amateur Radio to the Washington County LEPC meeting.

There was a short discussion about the use of the canopies, tables, and chairs. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a telephone call about using the Canopies and 15 tables for a wedding in June. The wedding will be held over the Field Day weekend. Cathy, KC8DJJ, suggested that we get new ropes for anchors, and to put over the tops of the canopies. Someone suggested that new canopies be ordered.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that none of the Wendy's restaurants were interested in WCEC holding a Spirit Night event at the Parkersburg restaurants. Matt, KD8WHN, said that he talked to the manager of the Marietta Wendy's, who said their Spirit Night event lasts only a couple of hours, and that it wouldn't be worth going to Marietta to hold it. Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to drop the Wendy's project, seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Project is dropped. Krista, KC8VLJ, wasn't at the meeting, but she got the paperwork that is needed to hold a Spirit Night type event at the Sweet Frog business next to Radio Shack in South Parkersburg. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has the paperwork, but hasn't read over it yet. He will give us a report at the February meeting

Matt, KD8WHN, gave a report on the Christmas Parades. He said everyone was wet and cold, but it was fun.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent out E-Mails to those members who's participation in Fund Raising activities are lower than they should be. To stay a member of WCEC they would need to pay membership dues, or start participating in the fund raising activities, or be dropped as a member.

There was a short discussion about the changing of some parts of the Bylaws, because of the membership dues, and other items. The group needs to look over the By-Laws and bring them back to the meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, had most of the ID Cards, both ARES and WCEC. He said there are several cards that weren't printed up due to the lack of membership activity. He said the ARES ID Cards no longer have an expiration date. If a card needs to be replaced, he will make it up.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be W5YI VE testing on February 14th at 6:00 pm at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department.

The subject of raffles was discussed, but nothing was decided. It will be discussed at the February meeting.

Joe, KD8YVB, made a motion that we operate Field Day this year, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion approved.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion the group hold a Hamfest this year, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. A Hamfest will be held on October 10th.

Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion the group help with all of the races the group is asked to help, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Motion carried.

Rick, WV8DOC, suggested that we look into holding Amateur Radio displays at the Mall, Wall*Mart, or places where a lot of people might be.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that Universal Radio is going to be stocking a Quad Band radio.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, and the Fund Raising Committee are planning a Soup Bean Supper on February 28th and a Pancake Breakfast on March 8th.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375,