



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of June 2, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 5, 2015, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Tyler, KD8RKE, 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 Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater system seems to be working okay. The only thing that he notices is that from time to time the receivers still switches from a quiet receiver to a noisy receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't done anything with any other grants. He still has the grant for the chairs waiting to submit it as soon as the grant cycle is opened at the Parkersburg Foundation. He may send it in early.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that if anyone needs donation letters, to let him know.

Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting, but he E-Mailed Ken, WA8LLM, and said the website www.wc8ec.com is up-to-date.

Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't paid any money for the insurance for the building at the airport yet. He said there needs to be some money from some of the activities put into the checking accounts before the insurance can be paid. As soon as the insurance is started there will be a monthly cost of about \$75, which we don't have yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, has started cleaning up the new communications trailer from working on the radios over the winter. He said that as soon as the hay is removed from the Field Day site, that he will move the trailer to that location, and place some of his solar panels on the trailer to keep the batteries charged until Field Day.

Matt, KD8WHN, said he checked the 443.175 MHz repeater the day before the meeting and it seemed to be okay.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported the Jackson County UHF repeater still hinges on the completion of the work on the Wood County Motorola 443.175 MHz repeater.

The 900 MHz Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County Emergency



Services, is still in storage. He is hoping to find channel elements that will allow the radios to go into the Amateur Bands.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been busy working on five new racing clocks, and hasn't had time to work on the CW Practice transmitter on 145.63 MHz. He is hoping to work on it this week. After it is put back on the air, all the frequencies between 30 and 470 MHz needs to be checked for frequencies other than the one it is operating on.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the last time that Bob, KD8PYF, had talked to Rick Woodyard, the E-911 Director, he said that Ken, WA8LLM, needs to talk to Rick Woodyard about the Hamshack at the 911 Center. Ken may talk to Rick at Field Day, if he shows up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has started getting all the spare material together to start modifying the BINGO Tables. They need to be done before the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that Todd Wines of the Red Cross will contact the higher ups about the MOU, if he doesn't hear from them by Friday, June 5th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group about putting up the 24 by 80 foot canopy in Pleasants County. He said the wedding planner wasn't sure if the canopy will be one 80 foot long canopy or two 40 foot canopies. The canopies will be put up on Thursday, June 25th. He also has been planning to take the canopies down on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The wedding is on the Field Day weekend. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KD8DJJ, said that she received a check for \$80 from the Sweet Frog, Spirit Night type event held on Monday, May 18th. She said at least 10 people showed up to work.

Terry, KC8TUE, who is also the Wood County ARRL Emergency Coordinator, reminded everyone to update or fill out a new ARES Registration form, and turn them into him.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't tried to re-submit a request to Harbor Freight yet. He said that he will try to resubmit the request in a couple of days.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he finally got the WCEC Business License and Annual Report submitted to the state.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that none of the Main prize radios have not been ordered yet. He is still waiting to get the checking accounts built up from some of the fund raising activities. Ken said that he found some more door prizes that had been collected since the last Hamfest. He also brought a couple of hats from the Dayton Hamfest to be used as door prizes. He is waiting for confirmation from the ARRL about making the Hamfest an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still holding off applying for the BINGO License until the checking accounts are built up a little more.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't talked to the manager of ALDI in Vienna. He said that he will try to talk to him before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day General Class License class that was held Saturday, May 9th. He said that eight people took the class and six of them passed the



General Test, and have received their licenses. One person came to take the Extra Class license, and passed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he delivered the table trailer and the chair trailer to Eastwood VFD for the Relay for Life event held on Saturday May 9th. A lengthy discussion followed about the Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social to be held on June 6th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the smaller BINGO machine has been taken apart, cleaned, put together, painted, re-lettered, and is ready to be used. The machine will be used for the BINGO games that will be held from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, at the Wood Craft picnic on June 13th. The picnic will be held at the Buzzy Dills Park, behind the Grand Central Mall.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave an update of the Summerfest, which will be held on Saturday, July 18th, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00pm, at the Mineral Wells Community Building. She said that she has more bands that are going to donate their time at the event. She is looking at paying some of the expenses for a couple of the bands.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the group that is working on a formula of the membership hours have got it pretty much ready to go. Those reporting their hours need to have them turned in by the end of the year.

The W5YI VE testing has been moved to the Parkersburg Library, and the time will be at 12 Noon. The testing days will still be the second Saturday of every other month. Bill, N8JXO, has the information updated on the www.wc8ec.com website. A short discussion followed.

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.

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 will be asked to operate the racing clocks.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Race that was held on May 16th. There were at least 16 people that helped with the race.

Rick, WV8DOC, is the new Trustee for the organization.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, brought up about a 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is building five more clocks to be used at the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He should have them in operation by the end of June. A lengthy discussion followed.



Rick, WV8DOC, said that while he was talking to Terry Moore, he found out about equipment that was being given away at the old Cold Water Creek building. A couple of groups made trips to the building and picked up several pieces of equipment that can be used at the Airport building when the group gets into it.

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354