



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of May 5, 2015

*The business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 17 members and guests present.*

*A motion to accept the APRIL 7, 2015, 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 Tyler, KD8RKE, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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. He hasn't had any reports of trouble with it. He did say that Brent, KD8DLX, gave him an idea for an ARES Bulletin, called "What is a Repeater System?".*

*Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still has the grant for the chairs waiting to submit it as soon as the grant cycle is opened at the Parkersburg Foundation.*

*Mike, KD8VLL, said the grant for the concrete PAD AT Mountwood Park, through the McDonough Foundation, didn't go through. He questioned the foundation to find out why it wasn't awarded. He was told they don't like to award grants for material that will be on property not owned by WCEC. He was told they like what WCEC does, and if WCEC wants to apply for a grant for equipment, or material that involves what the WCEC organization does, they would look at awarding it. Mike was told there is no grant opening cycle.*

*Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't bring any of the donation letters to the meeting again this month but if anyone needs donation letters let him know.*

*Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting, but he called Ken, WA8LLM, before the meeting to let him know the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website was up-to-date, except for the DAREN News, and ARES Bulletins.*

*Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the building at the airport. He said the meeting on April 10th with Jeff McDougale, Airport Manager went very well. The lease agreement will be updated, and E-Mailed out after the Airport Authority looks it over. Rick, Terry, KC8TUE, and Bob, KD8PYF, met with Jeff and Terry Moore the morning of the WCEC meeting. The lease has been accepted by both groups. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to sign the lease agreement, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to purchase the insurance so the lease agreement can be signed, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion passed. As soon as the agreement is signed, WCEC members will start working on the building. A lengthy discussion followed.*



*Ken, WA8LLM, said there hasn't been any work on the new communications trailer since last month. He said that he just needs to get it cleaned up. He said that when the trailer is taken off the hill, we might want to purchase solar panels to install on the roof top, to keep the batteries charged. A short discussion followed.*

*Matt, KD8WHN, said the last time he was on the 443.175 MHz repeater, that it seemed to be okay.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said that work on 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 is still in storage.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said that CW Practice transmitter on 145.63 MHz is off the air due to a problem with the Icom 2AT Walkie/Talkie that was being used as the exciter for the transmitter. As soon as he can get back to work on it, the transmitter will go back on the air.*

*Bob, KD8PYF, had to work and couldn't make the meeting. He told Rick, WV8DOC, that he hasn't been able to coordinate with Rick Woodyard, the E-911 Director about setting up the Hamshack at the 911 Center.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will start putting together any material that he has for the modifying of the BINGO Tables.*

*Rick, WV8DOC, said the Red Cross has several Disaster Declarations they are working on, and hasn't had time to look over the MOU. Rick said that once the MOU is approved, that it will be a prototype for other MOUs in the state.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group about putting up the 24 by 80 foot canopy in Pleasants County. He said the wedding planner also needs 15 tables. There was a discussion on when we might be able to take the canopy down, since it will be needed during Field Day weekend. A short discussion followed.*

*Cathy, KD8DJJ, said that plans for the Sweet Frog, Spirit Night type event is still underway. She would like to have a Show-N-Tell during the event. The date will be Monday, May 18th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. A short discussion followed.*

*Rick, WV8DOC, did a second reading of the modified By-Laws. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to accept the By-Laws, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. The motion passed by unanimous vote with a show of hands.*

*Terry, KC8TUE, who is also the Wood County ARRL Emergency Coordinator, would still like to have members ARES Registration forms updated, and turned into him.*



*Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't heard anything back from Harbor Freight yet. He said that he will resubmit the request.*

*Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Sprit Night. She said that 10 members showed up to work. The group received a check in the amount of \$123, which has been put toward the purchasing of material for the Summerfest, to be held on July 18th.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood, Mountain Bike Race. He said there were 18 people showed up to help. The group received a check in the amount of \$100 for their participation.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, says he hasn't renewed the WCEC Business License yet. He will try to work on it before the next meeting. We have until the last of June to get it renewed.*

*Lisa, KB8UER, wasn't able to stay for the meeting, but she delivered a donation check in the amount of \$500 from Waste Management for the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took some of the Hamfest Fliers to the Athens and Jackson County Hamfest. Ken said that he still needs to contact the ARRL, so the Hamfest could be sanctioned as an ARRL Hamfest. The Hamfest Main Prize Radios haven't been purchased yet.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't want to order the BINGO License for a little while. He didn't want to cause the checking accounts to run too low while we are holding fund raising events. He said that he would order them after some of the fund raising activities were over.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said he wants to talk the manager of ALDI in Vienna, when he isn't busy. He wants to tell him what WCEC does and wants to have a Show-N-Tell, and maybe hold Fund Raiser by returning Grocery Carts.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician Class License class that was held on April 11th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. Ken said that 16 people took the class, 12 of them passed their test, and have already received their Technician licenses.*

*There was a reminder of a one day General Class License class to be held on May 9th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. W5YI VE Testing will be held at the end of the class.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Vienna Fun Run that was held on April 18th. He said that 18 people showed up to provide the Safety Communications. The new Race Clocks were used for the first time. Ken said that all of the runners he talked to about the clocks thought they were a great addition to the race.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Athens Hamfest that was held on April 26th. Ken said it looked like the Hamfest was down from previous years, but it may have just looked that way since there were several vendors set up outside.*



*Jeff, KC8EEQ, gave a report on the Jackson County Hamfest. He felt it was also down, but it may have been because it was moved from Sunday, back to Saturday. They may move it back to Sunday, but it is still being discussed.*

*Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to check out the tires on table trailer, and the chair trailer, since Eastwood VFD wants to borrow them for a Relay for Life activity on May 9th.*

*There was a reminder about operating the BINGO games at the Wood Craft Company Picnic on June 13th. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she is still working on the smaller BINGO machine. She is cleaning it up, and giving it a paint job. The BINGO games will be held from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, or 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The picnic will be held at the Buzzy Dills Park, behind the Grand Central Mall.*

*Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave an update of the Summerfest, that will be held on Saturday, July 18th, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00pm, at the Mineral Wells Community Building. The Community Building is located at 1595 Elizabeth Pike, Mineral Wells. She gave a list of activities, singing groups, and vendors. A short discussion followed.*

*Cathy, KC8DJJ, and others have been working on a formula of the membership hours that will be used to determine the amount of dues the members will need to pay to stay a WCEC member.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*There was a discussion about changing the location and the time of the W5YI VE Amateur Radio testing. The locations may be changed to the Parkersburg Library, and the time will be at 12 Noon. The day will remain the same as the second Saturday every other month. Cathy, KC8DJJ, is now the official Contact VE for W5YI. Dana, WV8G, turned the CVE over to her.*

*The Parkersburg Homecoming will be held on August 14, 15, 16.*

*The Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 15th. Ken, WA8LLM, attended the Half Marathon Meeting. The donation for the Half Marathon has been worked out with the race officials. Ken said that he is hoping to have four or five more race clocks completed before the race.*

*The Chic-Fil-A Road Race will be held on May 16. There was a discussion of who was going to help with the race. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he was going to be going to the Dayton Hamfest on Friday the 15th, that he would get the race clocks to those who are going to work the Mile Markers the week before the race.*

*Ken, KB8QPW, made a suggestion that a new Trustee be appointed. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he would like to take over the position.*

*Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352*