



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of November 3, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 24 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 6, 2015 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. 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 Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that he hasn't heard any complaints about the repeater. He said that it seems to be working okay.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still hasn't heard anything back from the Parkersburg Community Foundation about the grant that he has applied for. He thinks we may not have been awarded the grant. He said we usually hear from them about a month from the closing and awarding. He wants to hold off applying for any grant reports for awhile.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has been busy and hasn't had any time to get the new donation letters ready.

Bill, N8JXO, said the website is up to date. Bill presented a bill for the cost of the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com website, which has been paid.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the Wood County LEPC Meeting a couple of weeks ago, he talked to Jeff Mcdoggle, the Airport Manager, about the building a the airport. Jeff was told that WCEC is still trying to get the money for the building insurance, and a way to earn the money for the monthly insurance bill.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has re-installed the 12 volt monitor in the new Communications Trailer. He is going to take the batteries home and put them on charge. He will do some more tests to see if the batteries need to be changed out. He has the solar panels ready to be installed on the roof as soon as he gets the time, and the weather is better.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he hasn't checked the 443.175 MHz repeater lately, but it was working okay the last time he tested it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last time he worked on the Motorola repeater that is going to be used in the place of the Kenwood on 443.175 MHz, it had an audio problem. It's possible it



might just be off frequency. As soon as it is fixed, and put in service, the Kenwood repeater will be re-programmed to the Ripley frequency, and it placed in Jackson County. Before we can put the Ripley repeater in service, we need to buy or build an antenna, and get it installed on the Ripley tower.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to start looking for the equipment to change the frequencies of the Microwave equipment from Jackson County Office of Emergency Services. He may try to work on them this winter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't had the time to get the CW Practice transmitter back on the air. He said that as soon as it gets back in service, it will only be on the air for a few hours a day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't talked to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director about putting an Amateur Radio Ham Shack at the 911 Center. He thinks we might want to hold off a little while, since it is rumored that Rick may be running for the Sheriff's position. If that happens, whoever will be taking the 911 Director's position, may not want a Ham Shack at the 911 Center. A short discussion followed.

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.

Bill, N8JXO, Cathy, KC8DJJ, Terry, KC8TUE, and Ken, WA8LLM, gave reports on the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest. A lengthy discussion followed. Ted Paul, KE8CAG, is going to check if the church on Rose Mar Road would be available to hold the Hamfest. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to hold a Hamfest in 2016. Motion was seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. The motion passed. The location will be decided on later. Door Prize material is already being collected. The person who won the main prize radio had already left the Hamfest before the main prize winners were drawn. It took a couple of weeks, but the winner was notified of the main prize. The radio has already been shipped, and he has it in his hands. A lengthy discussion followed.

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 the Cross Country races that were going to be held after the Hamfest were cancelled.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has received a confirmation letter of the WCEC address change back from the State of WV. He said the FCC Database shows the new address. There's been nothing back from the IRS about the address change. Ken still needs to have the address changed on the trailer licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a copy of the letter that will be sent to the members who will be required to pay membership dues if they would rather do that instead of assisting with the fund raising activities. Those who are no longer interested in being an active member would be required to return any WCEC material that was assigned to them. Items that



were assigned to them, such as the WCEC T-Shirt and metal ID Tag, would need to be returned. The regular Membership ID Cards won't need to be returned, since they will expire at the end of the year. A short discussion followed.

Reassigning membership unit numbers will hinge on the numbers that may come open from those who no longer want to be a member of WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to get to the Miller Communications tower site for clean up yet. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that a couple of members have said they were interested in helping him with the writing letters to the businesses in the area, asking for donations.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that none of the WCEC members participated in the disaster drill held at North Bend State Park. Ken

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Elder Beerman booklet program will be held in November, and that anyone who has sold any of the booklets, should turn the funds from the booklets into her.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Card Club event that Larry, KC8TRQ, held on October 10th. The donations that were given to WCEC, will be turned in when all of the paperwork has been completed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the use of the two 24 by 80 foot canopies to the Broadway Church of Nazarene for their Halloween party. The canopies were set up on Friday, October 30th, and taken down and put back in storage on Sunday, November 1st. He said he usually gets a donation check a week or two after the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Hospital Region 5 exercise will be held at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. The exercise is scheduled for December 10th. Some people have already said they were going to help. Ken was asked how many think they were going to help. About 12 members said they were interested in helping. The portable telephone PBX will be set up for the exercise in the first floor conference room and additional radios will be set up in the 4th floor conference room. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that as far as he knows, no members of WCEC participated in the exercise that was held on the lake at North Bend State Park. While at the Ritchie County LEPC, Ken did see some pictures and videos from the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the group got a donation for the use of the BINGO Machine by the Health Department. The donation has been deposited in the checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Table Top Exercise that was held at the airport. Ken and Dot, KC8HAI, participated in the exercise.



There has been some interest in holding a Packet Radio class. Ken, WA8LLM, said if there is enough interest, he would hold a class. There needs to be 8 to 16 people taking the class. If there is a class, it will be held on November 28th at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department. A short discussion followed.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion to hold a Christmas Dinner at the December meeting. Motion seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried. The dinner will be at about 6:00 pm, followed by a short business meeting. Dot, KC8HAI, said there will gift exchange of not more than \$10, at the dinner. If you bring a gift, you get a gift.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to know if anyone wanted a new picture taken for their new ID Card. Ken is hoping to have the new ID Cards ready for the December meeting.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, talked about an event that is being held by the Grand Central Mall. The event is called Magical Cause. Anyone purchasing anything at any of the Grand Central Mall stores can have their receipts stamped at the Service Center. For every dollar that is spent, one point will be credited to one of the participating Non-Profit organization of their choice. The top five organizations having the most points will receive prize money. The highest winner gets \$4000, second place gets \$2500, third place gets \$1500, fourth place gets \$1000, and fifth place gets \$500. There are only 25 Non-Profit organizations participating in the event. Check out the website of www.grandcentralmall.com

Bill, N8JXO, wanted to know if the group was going to participate in the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades. Bill, made a motion for the group to participate, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Scooby Sawyer AK9DOG, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Ted Paul KE8CAG, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294,