



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of October 6, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 20 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 1, 2015 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. 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 Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 hasn't heard anything back from the Parkersburg Community Foundation about the grant that he has applied for. He figures that no news may be good news.

Terry, KC8TUE, had some donation letters at the meeting. He said they have the old address. As soon as he gets a chance, he will print out new letters with the new address.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org website is up to date. He said there should be a website bill next month, but said that it shouldn't be very much. Bill has a banner of a flag flying at Half Mast, for the victims in Oklahoma. He talked about a Rained Out project.

Nothing has been done to get the building at the airport. We are still trying to get the money for the insurance together, and come up with some kind of monthly income to pay the monthly insurance bill. Ken, WA8LLM, said he may hear about the building next week, since he will be attending an LEPC Meeting which will be held at the Airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Communications Trailer. He said that during Volcano Days he was doing some tests with a new power supply and the batteries. After a few tests and the loss of the BINGO computer, he decided the batteries were not holding a charge. He said the batteries were purchased in 2010, and have spent long periods of time with no charge on them. He said the batteries may have to be changed before long. He won't change them until he gets the solar panels mounted on top of the trailer and



connected into the power system. Ken talked about changing the closet by adding shelves. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the 443.175 MHz repeater seems to be working okay. There's just very little activity on it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Jackson County UHF repeater is still on hold, waiting for the new 443.175 MHz Motorola repeater to be put on the air, and the old one re-programmed for Jackson County.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment from Jackson County Office of Emergency Services. It's still in storage.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to the other activities going on, he still hasn't had the time to get the CW Practice transmitter back on the air. When he gets it back on the air, members need to scan the frequencies from 30 to 470 MHz, to make sure the transmitter isn't causing any interference on other frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't talked to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director about putting an Amateur Radio Hamshack 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.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he, Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI, made a trip to Universal Radio, in Columbus, the day before the meeting. They picked up the radios that will be used for the main drawing prizes for the 2015 and 2016 Hamfests. While they were there, Universal Radio donated some door prize material. Before, and during the meeting Bill, N8JXO, worked on the Hamfest Registration program that will be used at the Hamfest. Bill gave a short description and explanation of how the registration system will work. Last minute plans were made. Ken, said that before he came to the meeting he was categorizing all of the door prizes so the group will know how to set up the prize tables. The Hamfest will be this coming Saturday. 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 hours will be used toward their membership dues and as in-kind on future grants that we apply for.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to the Cross Country race coordinator during the September Cross Country races. The coordinator thought the races that were going to be held on October 10th, after the Hamfest, has been cancelled, but to keep it on events list for awhile.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has contacted four more agencies about the groups address change. A form was sent to the IRS about the 501c3 Tax Exempt. A form has also been sent to the WV State Business agency. A telephone call took care of the Capital One Credit Card. A form and other information has been E-Mailed to W5YI, to have the address changed. The only one he has heard back from is the FCC about the WC8EC License, which has been changed. Ken, KB8QPW, reminded the group about the DMV for the Titles for the various trailers. It was suggested to check with the County Administrator to see if the addresses can be changed there. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 24 by 40 canopy was set up for Bob, KD8PYF, and his family reunion. It was set up on September 5th before the Spaghetti Supper.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Spaghetti Supper that was held on September 5th at the Mineral Wells Community Building. She said the crowd was a little lower than she had hoped, but that might have been okay, since they didn't have any extra food left over.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the re-assigning of Units Numbers, for those who want a lower number, wouldn't take effect until after the first of the 2016 year. He said there are several unit numbers open, and more may become available. Ken, said that he hasn't started sending membership dues letters to those members who have not been active in WCEC fund raising and non-fund raising events, or attending meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that with all of the other activities, hasn't come up with a time to do the cleaning up of the Miller Communications tower site on Sand Hill. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would like to start writing letters to the businesses in the area, asking for donations. He said he would like to get started in the next couple weeks.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she took several of the Elder Beerman booklets to Volcano Days, but no one seemed interested.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Larry, KC8TRQ, is having an event at his card club. She said that he changed the date of his event, and it now falls on the same day as the WCEC Hamfest, so she wouldn't be able to help provide the food for the card club event. She said that since Larry couldn't be as active as he would like with the WCEC group, he was still going to donate most of the money from his event to WCEC.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO. He said the crowd seemed to be down due to the cold rainy weather. The BINGO Report has already been sent to the State Tax Department, and a check in the amount of 10% of what the records said was made, has been sent to the Volcano Days committee.

Rick, WV8DOC, explained about the Rained Out project, and how it works.



NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be a couple of exercises coming up. One of the exercises will be held at North Bend State Park on October 23rd and 24th. The other exercise will be held at the Health Department on December 10th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had been contacted by the Broadway Church of Nazarene for the use of the two 24 by 40 canopies. They are not for sure if they are going to set them up as one 24 by 80 or two 24 by 40. They are wanting the canopies set up on Friday, October 30th, so they can use them on Saturday, October 31st for their Halloween Party.

Bill, N8JXO, had the Hamfest registration setup working at the meeting. He would like for some of the members to take a quick lesson on how to do the registrations. More than one person can do registrations a time.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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