



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of September 1, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 23 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 4, 2015 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater seems to be working fine. There was one question if anyone else was getting noise on the frequency. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has submitted the grant for 200 new folding chairs and two 24 by 40 foot canopies through the Parkersburg Community Foundation. He received an E-Mail from them asking for some additional information. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, didn't bring any donation letters to the meetings. If anyone needs donation letters, let Terry know.

Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting, so there was no report on the www.wc8ec.org website. Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he looked at the site, it seemed to be up-to-date except for the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins which he needs to send to Bill.

Nothing has been done to get the building at the airport. We still need to get the money together to get the insurance, and then get some kind of fund raiser so that we can pay the monthly payments.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Communications Trailer. Ken said the 110 volt computer monitors have been changed out for some that operate on 12 volts. He has also installed DC-to-DC converters which allows the 19 volt laptop computers to operate on 12 volts. He is hoping to have everything operating on 12 volts. He has purchased six solar panels that will be installed on top of the trailer to keep the operating batteries charged up.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the 443.175 MHz repeater seems to be working okay. There's just isn't much talking 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 he checked the RF Power Amplifier for the CW Practice transmitter. He said that with the other major projects out of the way, that he may be able to get the transmitter back on the air before the October meeting.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said the modification of the BINGO tables was completed on Wednesday before the Parkersburg Homecoming. The BINGO tables worked just like were designed to at the BINGO games.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he talked to Todd Wines at the Red Cross about the MOU. He told Todd not to worry about an MOU, that he should just call WCEC when he needs any communications help. The Red Cross MOU will be taken off of any future agendas.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the ARES Registration Forms. If anyone 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 received an E-Mail from Fred at Universal Radio about the radios for the 2015 and 2016 Hamfests. Fred is working on getting them shipped to the radio store, and ready to be picked up. Terry said that he has already received some door prizes from some of the radio businesses that he sent E-Mails to. He has a couple more businesses that have said they would send some door prizes. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she has contacted the Mineral Wells Community Building coordinator about using the building for the Hamfest next year. The building has been reserved, if, we hold a Hamfest next year. That event will be discussed at the beginning of next year. 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 as in-kind on future grants that we apply for.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He said that we made about \$200 more than we did last year. The BINGO Report has already been sent to the State Tax Department, and a check in the amount of 15% of what was made has been sent to the Homecoming committee.

There was a very short discussion about holding weekly BINGO games. It was decided to drop the project until we get a lot more members who want to help operate it.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He wanted to thank everyone who helped. He felt the race went off just fine. There were only a couple minor problems with the WCEC race clocks. There was an issue with some of the clocks not being seen in the bright sunlight. That problem is already being worked on, and should be corrected for Half Marathon race next year. Ken received an E-Mail from the race director about a post-race meeting that will be held on September 10th. Ken said he wouldn't be able to attend the meeting due to another engagement. Terry, KC8TUE, said



he would go to the meeting in his place. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Sam Vincent, race coordinator of the High School/Middle School Cross County Races. Sam said that he was told that the Cross Country races that were going to be held on October 10th, after the Hamfest, has been cancelled, but to keep it on events list for a while.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has about four more places that he has to change the WCEC mailing address from the PO Box 3328, Parkersburg, to 319 Communications Drive, Waverly. One of the places which needs to be changed is the WC8EC Amateur License. Ken says to change the address, it needs to go to one of the Amateur Radio Club Coordinators. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that since she is the W5YI Contact VE for WCEC, that we should work through W5YI. Cathy made a motion to have Ken contact W5YI to get the address changed. Dot, KC8HAI, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the One Day Technician Amateur Radio class which was held on August 29th, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard any more from Bob, KD8PYF, about using one of the 24 by 40 canopies for a family get-together on September 5th. Ken said that he didn't know exactly where it is supposed to go. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he would send Bob a text message so he could get back in contact with Ken.

There was a reminder of the Spaghetti Supper that will be held on September 5th at the Mineral Wells Community Building. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the re-assigning of Units Numbers, for those who want a lower number, wouldn't take effect until the first of the 2016 year. He said there are several unit numbers open, and more may become available. Ken, said that he would start writing letters to those members who have not been active in WCEC events, or attending meetings. He will ask if they are still wanting to be members, and are going to start paying a membership dues, or being active in the groups Fund Raising activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the cleaning up of the Miller Communications tower site on Sand Hill. He would try to find a day to do the cleanup, and let everyone know.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would like to get a list of all business addresses in the area. He would like to start sending letters to them, asking for donations. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he would try to get a copy of the Amateur Radio article that was in the Sunday, August 30th, Parkersburg News and Sentinel newspaper reduced to an 8 and a half by 11 inch size. It could then be placed in the donation request letters. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the BINGO games to be held at the Volcano Days festival on September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Setup for the event will be at 5:00pm on Thursday 24th.

NEW BUSINESS



Ken, WA8LLM, said that Heck Heckard, from the Cab Company, offered WCEC the use of his radio tower site at the intersection of Rt. 2 and I-77, for any use that WCEC might need. A lengthy discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, wanted to thank everyone who helped with the WCEC Summerfest.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, talked about a Fund Raising program from Elder Beerman. The project is to sale coupon booklet for \$5.00. The booklets didn't cost WCEC anything, but the group gets to keep all of the money from the sale of the booklets. The booklets are only good between November 11th and 14th. Cathy also talked about another fund raising event that would happen at the Grand Central Mall.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Larry, KC8TRQ, is having an event at his model car club, and all the money made from the sale of food will be donated to WCEC.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elmo Lang, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Scooby AK9DOG, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294