



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of June 7, 2016

The June 7th business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 21 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 3, 2016 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 Brent, KD8DLX, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after he, Dot, KC8HAI, and Sammy, N8SVX, stopped by the Wirt County Remote Receiver site on May 1st, to correct the direction of the beam antenna, the wind may have moved it again. It seems to be out of order again. He said the DAREN Packet station is off the air too. He said they had trouble getting the cabinet locked back up when they were finished. He's afraid there may be other troubles at the site. He will have to make a trip to the site and check it out again. He said that while he was trying to shut down the repeater for the Simplex Net on Sunday, he hit a wrong key and changed the courtesy beep from one beep to two. Now he has to figure out how to get it back. It was discussed that we used to change the courtesy beep from one beep to two beeps when there is any net in operation. Rick, WV8DOC, suggested that that we should start doing that again. There was a lengthy discussion about bringing up an official SKYWARN net any time there is a weather warning alert.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has sent out 50 copies of the donation letter, but there has not be any response to any of them. He did verify the response address is 319 Communications Drive, Waverly.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date, even the DAREN News and the ARES Bulletins.

The building at the airport is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has stopped by the Communications Trailer, to see what needs to be done. He still needs to mount the Solar Panels on the top of the trailer, install the batteries, and put a few radio back in their positions. He will have it ready to go to the Field Day site.

Since no one has been checking the 443.175 MHz Repeater, at Mountwood, we don't know if it is still working. It worked okay for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. While at the meeting, Matt, KD8WHN, keyed up the repeater to check it out, it was okay.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold until the Kenwood 443.175 MHz



repeater has been changed out with the Motorola repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't heard back from a friend of his about the use of the Microwave equipment donated by Jackson County. He needs to make sure the radios can be used on the Amateur Bands.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't had time to work on a Motorola Maratrac 100 Watt mobile radios for the CW Practice transmitter, but he it is still on his "to do" list.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he brought some ARES Forms to the meeting. Anyone that hasn't filled out one, or needs to change equipment should fill it out, and give it to Terry, KC8TUE, or himself. The forms can also be found on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers. He gave a list of a few events that can be counted toward the member's hours.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Cathy, KC8DJJ, will be assigning any new unit numbers. Those wanting to have a lower unit number, needs to talk to Cathy.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Technician Class license class that was held on May 14th. Nine people showed up for the class, and all nine of them passed their tests, and now have their license. Two of those who took the class and test were at the meeting, and have joined the organization.

The Fund Raising Committee report was given. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to get copies of the Kroger Fliers printed. Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded the group about the activities that are on the Schedule of Events List. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to get the password words registered in the FCC Database for four members of the group.

There was a reminder that a General Class license class held on June 18th. The class will be held at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street. The class will start at about 9:00am.

Ken, WA8LLM, told the group that if anyone takes any of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, and ICS-800, they should send him a copy of the certificates and/or the link to get a PDF copy for the WCEC records. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone the Fall Expo event will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center on October 22nd from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Run, which was held on May 21st. He said there was enough operators to cover the required locations. Ken said the major problem with the race, was getting the names to get to the race announcer. Ken said he has an idea of how to correct the problem of getting the list of names of the runners for the race next year. Ken said that while he was at one of the pre Road Race meetings, he picked up a check for the 2015 and 2016 Vienna Fun Runs. A lengthy discussion followed.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone about the Chicken Dinner that will be held on June 12th. The dinner will be held at the Mineral Wells Community Building from 12 noon to 4pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00.

Matt, KD8WHN, gave a report on the canopy used at the East Wood VFD Ice Cream Social on June 4th.

There was a discussion about the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest that will be held on October 8th. Bill, N8JXO, wanted to know if there will be a QSL Card Checker at the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail back which indicated there will be one. Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to order five Hand Held radios for a total of \$129.74, to be given away as door prizes. Motion seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Motion carried. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to pass along about the Kroger Fund Raiser.

NEW BUSINESS

On Saturday, June 11th, there will be a Technician Class Radio class held at Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in New Martinsville. Members of WCEC will be teaching the class and administering the tests.

There may be a Technician Class Radio class held at Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in South Parkersburg, but no date has been set.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs help with the Parkersburg Half Marathon. Ken gave a list of those who said they will be able to help. The race will be held on Saturday, August 20th. There should be two radio operators at each Mile Marker. The radio operators will be operating the racing clocks which they should have a couple of weeks before the race. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that Field Day will be held on June 25th and 26th. A lengthy discussion followed.

The WCEC group has two Notary Public. Their certification runs out in October. There was a discussion about keeping both notaries active. Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to renew both notaries, second by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carries.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion that we hold our annual picnic in August, at the monthly meeting, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

Tim, KE8EJY, wanted to know if the WCEC group had a ladies auxiliary. There was a short discussion of how most of the ladies help with the meals and/or operate radios.

Bill, N8JXO, said that he and Rick, WV8DOC, have been talking about the Rainy Day system that is on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. Bill explained how it works.



Bill, N8JXO, also asked if there was going to be any tower site clean-up. It was suggested that since July might be slow, that might be the time to clean up the tower site.

Tim, KE8EJY, has donated a 2 Meter radio to the group. The radio is okay, but since the CTCSS tones can not be used. The radio can't be used to talk through any tone activated repeaters.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that on Saturday, July 23rd, at the Mineral Wells Community Building, from 4pm to 7pm, there will be a "Build Your Own Sunday Bar" event. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. 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, Tim Sloat KE8EJY, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, John Riggs KE8EJX, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Robert Riordan KA4VNK, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Ted Paul KE8CAD