



## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of February 2, 2016

The February business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the January 6, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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 Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that the repeater seems to be working fine. He hasn't had any reports about any problems. Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he is now able to use it, since he got his radio programmed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't had anyone asking for donation letters. He didn't have any letters with him, but if they want any, he can get the letters to them.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is up to date, except for a couple of the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would get them to Bill.

There was nothing to report on the building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has been nothing done to the Communications Trailer. But he did find out why the Ohio MARCS radio wouldn't work at the Exercise on December 10th. He is going to get it ready to put back in the trailer. Ken said that he needs to get the tinting to put on the windows before it is used at Field Day.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he no longer has a radio that operates on UHF, so he's not been able to check out the 443.175 MHz repeater. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he did key it up a couple of times. Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he has also keyed up the repeater a couple of times.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold until the 443.175 MHz repeater has been changed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Microwave equipment from Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still in the planning stage. He hasn't had any time to work with it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Sammy, N8SVX, has found a way to get audio into the old



Motorola Maratrac mobile radios, so there may be a way to get one of them set up for the CW Practice transmitter.

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

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, reminded the group the ARES Form is also on the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) / [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) wc8ec.org website.

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.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there have been some more names removed from the organization roster. Reassigning membership unit numbers will be done for those who want a lower unit number. As soon as some more of the lower numbers become available they can be reassigned. Those members who are changing their unit number, and have been issued a metal ID Tag needs to turn the old tag in for their new number. Ken explained what the metal ID Tags are for.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Soup Bean Supper that was held on January 16th.

## NEW BUSINESS

Cathy, KC8DJJ, has a Technician Class Radio License class scheduled to be held on May 14th. The class will be held at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211, 6th Street, starting at 9:00am. The cost of the class will be \$20, which includes the W5YI VE Test administration and food, since it is an all day class.

There will be W5YI VE Testing on February 13th. The testing will be at the North End Wood County Library at 12 noon. There needs to be at least one person who expresses they want to take an examination before any of the Examiners will be at the library.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained about a Fund Raising project through Krogers. The project is Community Awards. Those who shop at Kroger and uses the Kroger Card, can register, and link their card with the WCEC Account. If you don't have a Kroger Card, one can be acquired at the Service Desk. Not only do you save money by using the card, but an unknown percentage of your purchase will be donated to WCEC. To register the Kroger Card, go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) go to the Community Awards section, and follow the instructions. Use the WCEC Rewards Number of 81343 Once each quarter, Kroger will send a donation check to WCEC. Pass this information on to everyone you talk to. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about Passwords to get into the FCC Database. To do anything such as change your last name, change your address, or renew your license, you must have your Personal Security Question registered, and have your Password. You don't need to do any of this if, you just want to pay groups like the ARRL or W5YI to do them for you. Ken says he has registered several of the members, and has their Passwords on file. If you have a password, and want it



placed on the list so it won't be lost or forgot, let Ken know. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he is going to do a presentation about Amateur Radio, and WCEC at the Wood County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting on February 10th.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, said the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club, has not made a decision yet on when they will be holding their Hamfest. Their meeting will be on Thursday, February 5th, and they may make a decision at that time.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she has several of the Elder Beerman catalog booklets that are for sale. All the members need to do is sale the booklets for \$5.00 and turn it into her. The group gets the booklets for free, and gets to keep the money as a Fund Raiser. The booklets are good for sells on Friday, February 26th, and Saturday, February 27th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, says there may be a Hot Dog Supper on April 2nd. It is still in the planning stage.

Bill, N8JXO, asked if the organization was going to participate in the Easter Parade. The parade may be on March 12th. Matt, KD8WHN, said he would check on what is needed to participate.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that no meeting have been set yet, but he is getting ready for the Parkersburg Half Marathon in August. Ken says he still needs to build one more clock for the race. He has one clock that needs to be repaired, and wants to get the batteries ready for all of the clocks. Several members at the meeting said they would like to have the same mile location they had last year. Ken said that as soon as he gets the batteries, and chargers installed in the clocks, he will issue them to those who will be working the mile markers. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he hasn't been contacted yet about the Vienna Fun Run, or the Chic-Fil-A Road Run, but he is getting ready for them. The racing clock will be used at both of the road runs. The Vienna Fun Run should be April 16th. The Chic-Fil-A Road Run should be on May 21st. These dates have not been confirmed. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine C8TYU/Unit 287, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ken Riffle B8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Sam Swisher N2TJX, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Jeremy Moss