



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of July 5, 2015

The July 5th business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 22 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 7, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. 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 Brent, KD8DLX. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that during the Chicken Diner held on June 12, he and Rick, WV8DOC, John, KE8EJX, and Tim, WV7TIM, made a trip to the Wirt County Remote receiver site to see if the UHF antenna had turned again during the last wind storm. Ken turned it back again to get the remote receiver back on the air. While they were at the tower site, they looked at the Packet station, to see why it was off the air. When they moved the transceiver, the power came back on. There must be a loose connection that needs to be fixed. There was a short discussion about the double beep that is on the repeater. We want to make the double beep an indication of some kind of net in progress.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that since he has been getting ready for Field Day, and other activities, he hasn't done anything else with the donation letters. He was told that nothing has been heard back about the ones he has already sent out.

Bill, N8JXO, sent Ken, WA8LLM, an E-Mail saying he wouldn't be at the meeting. Bill was going to be in Greenbriar County doing disaster relief. But, knowing Bill, we figured the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date. There was a short discussion about the flooding in the southern part of the state.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took the Communications Trailer, to the Field Day site for Field Day. He placed the six solar panels on the top of the trailer, and connected them to the trailer batteries. A few times when he checked the current coming out of the solar panels going to the batteries, he saw as much as 7 to 8 Amps. After Field Day Ken left the solar panels on the top of the trailer, and connected to the batteries. The batteries seem to be holding up, even with some of the radios turned on. He still needs to mount the panels permanently.

The 443.175 MHz Repeater, at Mountwood Park hasn't been checked lately, but it may still be operational. A short discussion about what needs to be done to the repeater antenna.

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 he is still trying to get a hold of his friend in Texas, about seeing if the Microwave equipment donated by Jackson County can be used on the Amateur Bands.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't done anything with Motorola Maratrac 100 Watt mobile radios for the CW Practice transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't put out any ARES Forms at the meeting. Anyone that needs a form can download one from the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. When they fill it out, they can turn it into either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers. The hours are used as in-kind toward the grants that we apply for.

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. Cathy assigned a couple of new unit numbers at the meeting.

Cathy, KC8DJJ gave a Fund Raising Committee report. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to get copies of the Kroger Fliers printed. Cathy 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.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the General Class license class that was held on June 18th. There were eight Technicians that took the class, and all eight of them upgraded to General.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded 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.

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.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Chicken Dinner that was held on June 12th. She said that all of the chicken was sold. It also helped having 19 orders go to Dupont.

Joe, KD8YVB, said the five Hand Held Radios that he ordered for the Hamfest has already arrived. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still getting door prizes together. If anyone knows where to get more prizes, they should start putting them with the rest of the prizes. If anyone wants tables at the Hamfest for free, they need to let us know at least a week before the event. The price for tables at the door will be five dollars.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Kroger Fund Raiser, and the check which he received from them. A short discussion followed.



Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Technician Class Radio class that was held on Saturday, June 11th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in New Martinsville. He said that six people took the class, but only four of them passed their test.

Nothing has been heard about the Technician Class Radio class that is to be held at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in South Parkersburg.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on how many helpers he has, and still needs for the Parkersburg Half Marathon. The Half Marathon will be held on August 20th. Ken is still in the process of building two more race clocks.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He gave the count of all the contacts and the final score. He still needs to send the electronic report to the ARRL. He is hoping to have a completed paper copy of the Field Day Report at the next meeting.

The Notary Public renewals haven't been applied for yet. Ken said there may have to be some money transferred from the BINGO Checking Account, to the Regular Checking account.

There was a reminder, that the August Business meeting, will also be a covered dish Picnic, followed by a short business meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the Rained Out project, that is on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. He explained how to register on it.

Nothing has been done about the clean up of the Mountwood Park tower site. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will be looking at cleaning up the site in July.

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 Sundae Bar" event. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that during the chicken dinner he was approached by a member of the Turkey Foot Church in Mineral Wells about using our two 24 by 40 canopies. They would like to have them the week after Field Day, starting on Saturday of Field Day. Since we were going to be getting things ready for Field Day, the canopies needed to be set up on Thursday, June 23rd. The group is supposed to get a money donation for their use. There was some damage to one of the canopies during the storm that went through the area that weekend. A short discussion was held about loaning out the canopies to other organizations.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call from Rick Woodard, the 911 Director, who wanted a list of the active members of WCEC. He is going to set up a group in the Everbridge Reverse 911 system. A lengthy discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report about getting an MOU with the Ritchie County Emergency



Services. The MOU was signed while three members of WCEC were attending the Ritchie County LEPC meeting on June 28th.

Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he would like to sale, or trade his HF Rig. He would like to get a simpler radio, something like the Yeasu FT-840. Anyone interested can contact Jerry.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the W5YI VE Testing Hamexam version 20 is available.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Tim Sloat WV7TIM, John Riggs KE8EJX Unit 271, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Jeremy Moss Unit 299J, Jeremys Daughter, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263.