



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of March 1, 2016

The March 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 February 2, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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, KD8GWP, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said when the commercial power went off on Wednesday, February 24th, the batteries kept the repeater on the air for about six hours. During the power outage in June of 2012, the batteries kept the repeater on the air for about 6 days. It looks like the batteries need to be changed out. After the repeater came back on the air on Friday around noon, it would no longer identify. Ken said that he worked on it for several hours before he got the repeater controller to identify properly. He said he was thinking of ways to put a temporary repeater on the air when the regular one is out of service. A short discussion on how batteries need to be charged, and how to program the repeater identifier.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has the new donation letters for the Hamfest ready whenever anyone wants some. He also has the donation letters ready to be mail out to the companies and plants that he addresses for. He said that he may need stamps.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date, except for the February DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, said he will have them to Bill in the next few days.

There was nothing to report on the building at the airport. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wasn't going to do anything toward the building until the group has a steady income, so they can pay the \$75 a month for the insurance.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has been nothing done to the Communications Trailer. He did have to place the vent back on the top of the trailer since the wind blew it off. He said that he needs to find a way to secure it better. Ken says that he needs to get the radios that were taken out for the Health Department exercise in December, put back into the trailer.

After the power failure at the repeater site, no one has tried to use the 443.175 MHz repeater. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to start working on the Motorola repeater, but with so many other activities and projects, he just hasn't had time.

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 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 hasn't had time to get one of the old Motorola Maratrac mobile radios ready to get on the air for the CW Practice transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on February 10th, he gave a presentation about Amateur Radio and about Wood County Emergency Communications. He tried to talk to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director, about the Ham shack at the 911 Center. But, Rick was busy talking to others who were at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the ARES Registration Forms. He had the forms at the meeting if anyone needed them.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers. A couple of membership hours sheets were turned in at the meeting and by E-Mail this week.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is updating the membership roster a little at a time. As inactive members are being removed, their unit numbers are being reissued. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would like to have Unit 254, and Brad, KC8TYU, would like to have Unit 259.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone about the one day Technician Class license class that will be held on May 14th. Matt, KD8WHN, thinks he may have a few Fire and Law Enforcement people who want to take the class. The cost of the class is \$20.00. The \$20 covers the cost of the FCC Examination of \$14 and for the food, snacks, and drinks since the class takes most of the day. 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, reminded everyone about the Fund Raising project through Krogers. He said that we need to get flyers made up so they can be handed out. The second quarter of this project ended on February 29th. If there is enough money for a donation, we should be getting an E-Mail, telling us how much to expect within 30 days. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the passwords to get into the FCC Database.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, said that as far as he knows the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club, has decided to hold their Hamfest on Sunday, May 1st.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that only a couple of the Elder Beerman catalog booklets were sold. She didn't expect to get very many sold, since it was a short notice.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there will be a Hot Dog Dinner on April 2nd. She wasn't able to get the Mineral Wells building, so it is going to be held at the Lubeck Civic Center. The dinner will be held from 12 noon to 5:00pm. The dinners will be available to be delivered to some of the chemical plants, if there is enough interest.



The group decided not to participate in the Easter Parade this year.

There has been no contact from any of the race officials about the Vienna Fun Run, or the Chic-Fil-A Road Run.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a General Class license class held on June 18th. The cost of the class is \$20.00. The \$20 covers the cost of the FCC Examination of \$14, and for the food, snacks, and drinks since the class takes most of the day. 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, reminded the group, since there have been a few new members, they should look at taking the NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, and ICS-800. The classes can be taken on the Internet. A link to the ICS courses can be found on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website under training. Anyone taking and completing the course will receive a link to get their certificate. If you pass a course and get your link, Ken would like a copy of the certificate for the group records.

Rick, WV8DOC, said there is a road run in Williamstown on April 30th. He suggested that we contact the race officials to see if they would like the group's help. Ken, WA8LLM, contacted the Williamstown Police Chief. The police chief said he would pass the information on to the race official.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there will be a Chicken Dinner 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.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the fund raising group is planning to hold a Summerfest closer to the end of October. They are planning to hold it on October 22nd. It is still in the planning stages.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has received a contract from the Wood County 4-H Trustees about the use of the main building for the Hamfest on October 8th. Ken said that he will take the contract, and a copy of the 501c3 Tax Exempt Determination Letter, to the Court House and pay the cost of the building.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Dave Wright N8NWX/Unit 285, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Jeremy Moss, Scott



McDonld, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Scooby