



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of May 3, 2016

The May 3rd business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 16 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 5, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by WV8DOC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, and Sammy, N8SVX, stopped by the Wirt County Remote Receiver site on the way home from the Jackson County Hamfest on Sunday, May 1st. They had to rotate the beam antenna back toward the Mountwood Park transmitter site to get the remote receiver back in operation. Ken said that he is going to build another antenna outrigger so the antenna will be more stable. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, couldn't make the meeting so there was no donation letter report. The group didn't know the mailing address that was on the donation letters. While the discussion was going on, Judy, N8UFQ, sent a text message to Terry to find out what address was used on the Donation Letters. Terry said the address was 319 Communications Drive. If the address is 319 Communications Drive, then there has been no donations returned.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date except the DAREN News and the ARES Bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, said he knew he had forgot something, and will get them to Bill in the next day or two.

There was nothing to report on the building at the airport. Matt, KD8WHN, said that he had some information to bring up under new business.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he looked over Communications Trailer, and made some notes on what needs to be done. Bill, N8JXO, suggested the tire need to be looked at. He said that since the trailer has been sitting all winter, the air needs to be checked. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz Repeater is working just fine. The repeater worked great when it was used for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race on April 10th.

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 Walt Smittle, the Jackson County Emergency Services Director asked him how things were going with the equipment that was donated by Jackson County, and to be used on the Amateur bands. Ken is still trying to find out if it is legal to operate a digital transmitter on the 900 MHz Amateur bands. Ken has E-Mailed a message to a friend of his who used to be the President of a Microwave Radio group in California, but hasn't heard anything back.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he is not for sure if the Motorola Maratrac 100 watt mobile radios will be capable of being keyed up for a long period of time for use on the CW Practice transmitter, but he will still be working on it.

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.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Rick, WV8DOC, unit number is now 262. There may be some more unit numbers available by the end of the year.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone about the one day Technician Class license class that will be held on May 14th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has had a couple of people that would like to take the class. Ken gave them all the information about the class.

The Fund Raising Committee report was given. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get copies of the Kroger Fliers printed. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to work on the four members who need to get their Password registered and set up on the FCC Database. Jeff, KC8EEQ, explained how to get an Original Copy of the FCC License. A short discussion followed.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, gave a report on the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. He said the crowd seemed to be down a little bit this year, but it was still a great time for the Amateurs to get together and talk.

There was a reminder there will be 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, reminded the group, those who haven't taken the NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, and ICS-800, should do that as soon as possible. Joe, KD8YVB, has taken the courses and send a copy of his certificates to Ken.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone the October Fest event will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center on October 22nd from 11:00am to 4:00pm. So far there are about 30 people wanting to set up tables.



Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Vienna River Road Fun Run. He said there was just enough radio operators to cover the locations the race officials requested. Ken, KB8QPW, said that his clock seemed to have been running a little fast. He said that it gained about 15 seconds by the time the runners got to his location at Mile 2. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will look at it before the Chic-Fil-A Road Run on May 21st.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he never did hear anything back from the Williamstown Road Run officials about their race that was held on April 30th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that communications help is needed for the Chic-Fil-A Road Run, which is May 21st.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from the Artsbridge event officials about their activity. They said that since about everyone now has a cell phone, that Amateur Radio communications are no longer needed at the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. The day started very cold, but the race went on. There was no major problems. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he finally got the IRS Tax Report completed. He found out the report needs to be done using the Internet Explorer web browser.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt, KD8WHN, had a lengthy discussion with Rick Modesitt, who is running for County Commissioner. Rick told him if he gets in as County Commissioner, he would try to get WCEC back into the old building at 1810 Staunton Ave.

Bill, N8JXO, said the SIRN Committee has reserved one of the frequency groups for the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on June 4th. The Fire Department has requested the use of one of the 24 by 40 canopies. A short discussion followed.

Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 N8NWX/Unit 285, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Jeremy Moss Unit 299J, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272