



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of November 1, 2016

The 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 October 4, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, 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, KD8WHN, and seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is still working, but he just hasn't had time to get back to the Elizabeth Remote Receiver to replace the antenna mounting bracket to keep the UHF Link antenna from turning. He also needs to work on the Wirt County DAREN Packet station.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he still hasn't heard back from any of the Donation Letters. He will try mailing out letters after the first of the year.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website was as up-to-date as it can be. He said that he has received, and paid a bill for one of the web addresses.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has stopped by the Communications Trailer a couple of times to check things out. He has turned on a couple of radios to make sure the batteries are still charged up from the solar panels.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't checked 443.175 MHz Repeater lately, but he will check it out in the next few days.

Ken, WA8LLM, said Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold, waiting to get the Motorola 443.175 MHz repeater working and placed at Mountwood Park. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has re-certified all of the WCEC owned and maintained repeaters through SERA. The re-certification needs to be done every year. A lengthy discussion about all of the repeaters in the area was held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has been reading about the frequencies above 900 MHz, and it looks like we might be able to put the Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services on Amateur Radio frequencies. Ken hasn't contacted the manufacture of the equipment about getting new elements to put the equipment on the 902 to 920 Amateur bands.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done the Motorola Maratrac 100 Watt mobile radio to be used for the CW Practice transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, had ARES Forms for those who need to upgrade their equipment records. A short discussion followed.

A couple members turned in their volunteer hours. The hours are used as in-kind toward applying for grants. A short discussion followed.

Anyone wanting to change their unit numbers should contact Cathy, KC8DJJ.

Brad, KC8TYU, gave a Fund Raising Committee report. He gave a report on Fall Expo, held on October 22nd. He said there was a good turnout. There are some vendors who have already paid for tables at the 2017 Fall Expo. Cathy, KC8DJJ, was able to make it to the meeting about the time the Fund Raising report was being given. She said that she is taking orders for Rada Knives. She had several catalogs for those who want to take orders for knives. She will send the order in December.

Ken, WA8LLM, is making a list of those who needs to get their passwords set up in the FCC Database.

Any members who haven't finished completing the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, 800, should try to work on them as soon as possible. They can connect to the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website, follow the link, and take complete the courses. After they have completed the courses, Ken would like to get a copy of their certificates for WCEC records. The certificates can be sent to him, or forward him the certificate E-Mail link.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest. Several of those who worked at Hamfest got favorable responses. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a problem trying to connect to the Kroger website to get those who were at the Hamfest to register their Kroger Card. There were fliers available for those who would try to register their card when they get back home. A short discussion followed.

Judy, N8UFQ, and Dot, KC8HAI, have received their rubber stamps for the Notary Public. Lisa, KB8UER, also has her Notary Public.

Rick, WV8DOC, and Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the Rained Out project. We need to contact the 911 Center so that we can get the training on the Everbridge system. The Everbridge system will do a lot more than the Rained Out system.

A short discussion about cleaning up the Mountwood Park, Miller Communications tower site was held. No date has been set yet as to when we should go clean up the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked when it would be a good day to go back to the Tyler County site to take down the tower. Those who were at the tower site the last time decided that Saturday, November 5th would be a good day to take the tower down. Anyone wanting to help is welcome to help. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that planning is still in progress for the one day Technician Class



radio class in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Single A/Double A High School Cross Country races that was held on October 20th. That was the last races of the year. Ken felt the officials were satisfied with our help. Ken said that he needs to do some work on the race clocks. He wants to get them ready before the Vienna River Run in April next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the apron that was made up for the four foot table. The WCEC name and logo was put on the apron at the Hamfest. Ken was going to bring the apron to the meeting, but forgot it. He said we should make up aprons for six foot, and eight foot tables.

Bill, N8JXO, brought some information about promotional ink pens with the group name and website. There was a discussion about ordering ink pens. The group will think about getting pens before our activities start again next year.

The project about holding weekly BINGO games was discussed and the all of the problems that needed to be overcome. Problems like where to hold the games, what day to hold them, and that we would need to drop one of our Limited Event BINGO games, either the Parkersburg Homecoming or Volcano Days BINGO, since we can only hold one of them if we hold a yearly license. It was decided to hold off until sometime in the future.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about loaning one of the 24 by 40 canopies for a memorial that was held by Hospice. The canopy was used for about three hours on October 9th. The organization was given a donation in the form of a VISA Debit Card for the use of the canopy. Since it was a debit card, it needed to be spent. The donation was used to purchase TRACFONE cards for the organization cellphones.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call on October 16th, that the Broadway Church of Nazarene wouldn't be needing the two 24 by 40 canopies for the Halloween Party since it has been cancelled this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she is planning to hold a Chile Dinner sometime after the first of the year.

The WCEC Christmas Dinner will be held on December 6th at our regular business meeting. The dinner will be covered dish. The organization will provide the meat and drinks. The dinner will start at about 6:00 pm, followed by a short business meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would have new WCEC ID Cards at the December meeting. Ken said that he would use last years medical information sealed in the back of the card, unless there have been changes.

Bill, N8JXO, asked if the group was going to participate in the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades. The parades will be held on December 10th. Terry, KC8TUE, made a



motion to participate in the parade, seconded by John, WV8DOH. Motion carried. Terry is in charge of the registering in the parades.

W5YI VE Testing will also be held on December 10th at the Parkersburg North End Library at 12:00 noon.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, John Riggs WV8DOH/Unit 271, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255