



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of October 4, 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 September 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater has been working just fine, he just hasn't had time to get back to the Elizabeth Remote Receiver to replace the antenna mounting bracket, and work on the Wirt County DAREN packet station.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back from any of the Donation Letters that he has mailed out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website was as up-to-date as it can be.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer, has been parked at it's regular parking place, after bringing it back from the Volcano Days Festival. The solar panels have been placed back on the top of the trailer to keep the batteries charged. The trailer does need to be cleaned up before it is used for any other activities. He said that one of the computer monitors has a problem but he will work on that as soon as he can.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that while he was at Mountwood Park for Volcano Days, he tested the 443.175 MHz Repeater, and that it is in good working order.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since nothing has been done with the Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater, he is thinking about having it re-coordinated to a new location. It is just in the planning stages.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't heard anything from his friend in Texas about using the Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services on Amateur Radio frequencies. Ken said he may try to contact the manufacture of the equipment and inquire on the cost of changing the frequencies into the 900 MHz Amateur band so he can experiment with it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that with all of the other activities, he just hasn't had time to work on the Motorola Maratrac 100 Watt mobile radio to be used for the CW Practice transmitter.



Ken, WA8LLM, brought ARES Forms for those who need to upgrade their equipment records. He explained why we need to keep our records up to date. A lengthy discussion followed.

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 applying for grants.

A couple more unit numbers became available within the past week. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to change their unit number, they need to contact Cathy, KC8DJJ.

Brad, KC8TYU, gave a Fund Raising Committee report. He gave a report on the Hot Dog Supper that was held on September 17th. Since there was a couple other activities in the county on the same day, and one of the Chemical Plants in the valley on "Lock Down" due to an active shooter, the supper just about broke even. He reminded everyone about the Fall Expo which will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center on October 22nd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Kristie, KD8WHM, said she has at least 26 vendors lined up for the Fall Expo. Brad would like to have an Amateur Radio station set up for show-n-tell. Brad said the Fund Raising committee wasn't able to get the Elder Beerman booklets, and the sale is already over.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to get some of the members passwords set up in the FCC Database.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that John, WV8DOH, has completed his NIMS courses of IS-100, 200, 700, 800, and 242. John is working on his IS-802 certificate now. Anyone wanting to do the NIMS courses can go 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, said that before the meeting Joe, KD8YVB, Terry, KC8TUE, Joe, KD8YVB, and himself, went to Universal Radio in Columbus, and came back with next years Hamfest main prizes, and some more door prizes for this years Hamfest. Bill, N8JXO, did a presentation on the registering of the Hamfest Tickets. He would like to have a couple other people help him enter the ticket information the day of the Hamfest. Kendale, KD8QAK, said he would help with the ticket information. The Hamfest will be held on October 8th. Bill, N8JXO, gave a demonstration of the system he will be using to display the registration information for the Hamfest Tickets. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Kroger informing him how much money WCEC would be receiving this quarter. He received the check the day before the meeting, and it will be deposited as soon as he can get to the bank. Ken said there was one person that registered their Kroger Card at the Volcano Days festival. Ken is planning to set up a table at the Hamfest for those who want to register their Kroger Card. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he hasn't heard anything more about the Technician Class Radio class that is/was to be held at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in South Parkersburg, he is going to drop the project until they get a hold of him.



Ken, WA8LLM, said the last steps of getting the Notary Public renewals completed has been done. Judy, N8UFQ, and Dot, KC8HAI, just needs to wait for the Notary Public stamps.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the Rained Out project. He said that if you want to get notifications, that you need to register on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites. Bill explained what kind of messages can be sent out using the Rained Out tab on the website. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Tim Miller, WB8MOI, of Miller Communications, about cleaning up the tower site of the 147.255 MHz, and 443.175 MHz Repeaters. As soon as some of the activities slow down Ken would like to get a group to clean up the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the group was at the Tyler County site to take down the tower, Bill, N8JXO, and his brother-in-law built a tool for taking the sections tower apart. As soon as the group can get together again, they will go finish taking the tower down. Once it is on the ground, plans will be made on what to do with it. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Volcano Days BINGO. He read off the reports from the previous few years. This years income was about twice it has been. Ken said the weather at the event was very good this year.

Ken, gave a report of the High School / Middle School Cross County foot races held on September 10th, 20th, and just before the October 4th WCEC Business meeting. Before the first race was held, Ken said the race officials asked if the WCEC group provide racing clocks, since they were having problems with theirs. WCEC provided, and operated the clocks at all of the races. While at the September 20th races, Ken was asked for help with another race in October.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has been no firm date set up for a Technician Class radio class in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church. Followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about new rules that put together for next years Volcano Days. Ken talked to the park director, and was informed the rules don't apply to WCEC. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are two more Single A and Double A High School Cross Country foot races to be held on Thursday, October 20th. Since they are both three mile races, we need to set up race clocks at Mile 1 and Mile 2.

Ken, said that since the T-Shirt business from Pleasant County was going to be at the Hamfest, he would see if they could letter and logo the apron for the 4 foot folding table.



Terry, KC8TUE, talked about getting ink pins or something with the groups name, telephone number, and website that can be passed out at different activities. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, asked the group what they thought about holding weekly BINGO games. He said it will have to be a group activity. He asked the group to think about it, and bring it back to the November meeting. He said that if anyone can come up with any other fund raising activities to let him know. It was also discussed about incorporating another organization called DAREN of WV. If it is incorporated, then it will need to become a nonprofit tax exempt 501c3 organization. A very lengthy soapbox and discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Hospice for use of a canopy for a Memorial at Fort Boreman Park. The event will be held on Sunday, October 9th. The canopy will be set up at about 12 noon, and only be used for about an hour.

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, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, John Riggs WV8DOH/Unit 271, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257