



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of September 6, 2016

The September 6th business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 21 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 2, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, 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 Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater has been working just fine. Some members of the group thought the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver might be off the air, but Ken said that he has been able to use it with a Hand Radio on very low power.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that nothing has been done with the Donation Letters. He said that he hasn't heard from any of those that he has already mailed out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website was as up-to-date as it can be. He said that some of the latest DAREN News articles have some kind of problem in them, making it hard to post on the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer, has been parked at it's regular parking place, after bringing it back from the Parkersburg Homecoming. The solar panels have been placed back on the top of the trailer and are keeping the batteries charged. The trailer needs to be cleaned up before it is taken to Mountwood Park for Volcano Days, and used as the BINGO office.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that while he had one of the WCEC Hand Held Radio for the Parkersburg Half Marathon, he keyed up the 443.175 MHz Repeater, so it is still in operation. But, he didn't talk to anyone one it.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still waiting for the Motorola Repeater to be placed in operation on 443.175 MHz.

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 Rado frequencies.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that he brought ARES Forms for anyone who needs to



upgrade their equipment records.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers.

Since Cathy, KC8DJJ, was in class at WVU-P, there was no update on any new units number. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to change their unit number, they need to contact Cathy.

Brad, KC8TYU, gave a Fund Raising Committee report. He wanted to remind everyone about the Hot Dog Supper on September 17th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Lubeck Civic Center. He also 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. Brad said that we will have Elder Beerman booklets again for sale. We can charge what ever price we want, and are able to keep the money. Since Cathy, KC8DJJ, will be taking college classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, she will be holding off on fund raising activities for awhile. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to make sure everyone has their Passwords set up in the FCC Database.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who hasn't completed the NIMS courses of IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 should try and work on them. He said they can go to the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website, follow the link, and take the courses. After they have completed the courses, Ken wants 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, reminded everyone about the Hamfest coming up on October 8th. He said that Terry, KC8TUE, Joe, KD8YVB, and himself, will be making a trip to Universal Radio in Columbus in a couple of weeks to pick up radios for next years Hamfest and more door prizes for this year. The Hamfest Committee wants to stay a year ahead with the main prizes. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Kroger sent out E-Mails to all of those who have registered with them as a Fund Raiser. If you are registered, it's time to renew. Ken had several copies of KROGER fliers to pass out to anyone we can get to register. A sign-up booth may be set up at Volcano Days and the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still 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.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Half Marathon road race held on August 20th. He wanted to thank everyone for a job well done. The race officials were very happy.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He said the crowd was down a little bit, and our BINGO games were down about \$200.00 from last year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Notary Public renewals have been applied for. The paperwork that sent in was only for the bond. The Notaries now need to be sent to the Secretary of State with \$52 each.



Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the Rained Out project. He said that if you want to get notifications, you need to register on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been decided about cleaning up the tower site of the 147.255 MHz, and 443.175 MHz Repeaters.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on taking down the tower in Tyler County. The weather was too hot to get the tower down. The tower is still in the air, although all of the antennas and the top set of guy wires have been removed. The group is going to pick another day to go back up to take the tower down. Ken took the Tyler Amateur Radio 147.36 MHz repeater and their DAREN Packet station that were removed from the transmitter building, back to Tyler County during the OES Volunteer meeting. Ken talked about an old telephone PBX that was given to him while he was at the meeting. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Amateur Radio presentation that was given to the Senior Citizens on Thursday August 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't know how he missed putting the BINGO games at Volcano Days on the Schedule of Events list. He wanted to remind everyone about Volcano Days and when the set up of the canopy, tables, and chairs, would begin. Volcano Days will be held on September 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Set up would begin at about 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 22nd. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he should have put the Cross County foot races on the Schedule of Events List, when he got a race dates from the officials. Not having them on the list caused an event conflict. Kristie, KD8WHM's baby shower is the same day as the Chic-Fil-A Cross County races, both will be held on September 10th. The High School / Middle School foot races will be held on September 20th. There will also be Cross County races on October 4th, which is the same date as the October WCEC Business Meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been contacted about holding another Technician Class in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church. Nothing has been set up yet.

Ken, KB8QPW, brought samples of T-Shirts from a business in Pleasants County. The costs of the T-Shirts are \$8.00 up to Extra Large, then they are \$1.00 more. Ken said the business is planning to come to the Hamfest to make T-Shirts. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the N8MDG 443.925 MHz repeater getting into the Wood County fire band repeater. From all of the tests made, it looks like someone has a Cross Band repeater set up, on those frequencies, causing the problem. If the problem continues we need to get a group together to find out where it is at. A short discussion followed.



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, John Riggs WV8DOH/Unit 271, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F.