



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of June 6, 2017

Before the meeting started, the group enjoyed a great picnic with a lot of good food. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to thank all of those who brought the food and made the picnic great.

A short business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 40 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 4, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting. The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the receiver on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver is still off the air. He is thinking about swapping out the repeater transmitter with one of the DR135 transceivers that doesn't receive since the repeater transmitter doesn't need a receiver.

The donation letter report was held off until the September meeting.

Since Bill, N8JXO, was participating, and representing WCEC, in a Public Safety Awareness Fair, at the Parkersburg City Park, he wasn't able to give a report on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still at its parking place and the batteries are still on charge with the solar panels.

A report on the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater was held off until the September meeting.

A report on the Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

The report on the CW Practice Transmitter was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information up-to-date.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no one asking for a unit number change. But, a new unit number was assigned to a one of the members who became active again.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone of the Pasta Dinner that will be held on August 30th, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Lubeck Civic Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to have their FCC password stored on his Personal Security Question Database, he would add it there.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that hasn't completed the basic NIMS courses of 100, 200, 700, and 800 should work on them. A few members have taken the on line course of ESS (Electronic Search Specialist) Basic for Project Lifesaver, and have sent a copy to Ken. They can now take the "Hands On" field activity, and be certified in Project Lifesaver.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to get their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Card.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, was also participating, and representing WCEC, in a Public Safety Awareness Fair, at the Parkersburg City Park, he wasn't able to give a report on the Everbridge system.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he was going to hold off trying to work on cleaning up the Miller Communications, Mountwood tower site until later.

Dave, N8NWV, brought a bag of items to be used as door prizes at the Hamfest that will be held on October 14th. Dave said that one of the managers at Harbor Freight told him that if we take a donation request letter to the store, they will get some door prizes.

The report on the WV Surplus application was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to talk to Mark Hendershot about placing the Tyler County tower at the place that we use for Field Day.

There was a reminder about the canopies, tables, and possibly the chairs for a wedding in October.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be operating a Special Event Station during the Volcano Days Festival on September 23rd. More information will follow.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has sent the electronic Field Day Report to the ARRL. He only has a couple more pages to finish, and he will be able to send in the paper information. A copy of the Field Day Report was on display at the meeting/picnic. Ken wanted to thank Chad, K8YK, and Mandy, K8AYK for operating and logging for the whole 24 hours, and brought 1170 contacts on 40 Meters. Ken said that he has already put Quad boxes on the #10 50 foot cords, and is in the process of putting together two PSK31 stations. Some people said they would like to try operating CW with a computer next year.

Barb, KD8SQY, said the North End Library will be closed on the date of the August 12th W5YI VE testing. If the library is closed there will be no VE Testing. A short discussion followed.



NEW BUSINESS

Matt, KD8WHN, talked about those who have the Baufang U/V 5 Hand Held radios. He said to be sure if they have any of the Public Safety frequencies programmed in them to be sure not to press the "Call" button. The tone that it sends out sounds just like the "Officer Down" alert tone used on the Public Safety radios operated by the Public Safety responders. It will cause 911 Dispatchers a lot of confusion.

There will be a Pipeline Class at the Nemesis Shriners building, 244 Watson Road off, of Route 50. The class will be held on September 12th. If you haven't received an invitation, to let Ken, WA8LLM, know so that he can sign you up. A short discussion followed.

Jim, KD8ITI, talked about a Modular Emergency Response Transportation Training (MERRITT) class to be held at the Washington County, Ohio, Emergency Operations Center, 204 Davis Ave., Marietta. The class is 16 hours, held on August 5th and 6th. If anyone is interested in attending, you need to contact Glen Kelly, Washington County EMA, at (704) 373-5613. Ken, WA8LLM, will send everyone an E-Mail with the class flier attached.

Jim, KD8ITI, said there will also be a TMERRITT class sponsored by Camden Clark Medical Center HAZMAT Team. The TMERRITT class will be held at the Lubeck VFD on October 19th. Jim will try to get more information out about it. The TMERRITT class is an extension of the MERRITT class. A short discussion followed.

Barb, KD8SQY, wanted to remind everyone about the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO on August 18th and 19th. Set up time of the canopies, tables, and chairs be at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 17th. Help will be needed. Last month it was said there would be no fireworks, but that was wrong. Fireworks will be held Saturday night.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is trying to fill in the Mile Markers for the Parkersburg Half Marathon, which will be held, Saturday, August 19th. Anyone wanting to help at the Mile Markers should let Ken know. Stan, KA8RJC, and Ken, WV8EER, said they would help. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP, N8JXO. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:29 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 266, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 267, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Kenny Roberts WV8EER/Unit 273, Aimee, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elma, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jim KD8ITI, Kim KD8ITH, Nic N9LA, Stan Lang KA8RJC, Cindy Lang, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jim Peterson, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, John Riggs WV8DOH/Unit



271, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Chad Day K8YK, Mandy Tennant K8AYK