



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of December 5, 2017

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OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has two DR-135 Transceivers that have a good transmitter, but no receive. As soon as he can get to the 147.255 MHz repeater transmitter site he will swap out the transceiver with one of the other two. He hopes the transceiver that is being used as a transmitter now, has a good receiver. If things well, he will be able to get the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver back in operation. Ken was asked if he has been able to find the problem with the repeater controller. Ken said that he would try to work on that problem before the January meeting.

Donation letters were held off until the next meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is as up to date as it can be. He has taken care of the renewal of the website Domain names. Bill has been reimbursed for the cost of the renewal.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to get the flat tire on the Communications Trailer fixed. He said the solar panels are keeping the batteries charged up. He wants to make sure the batteries won't be damaged by the cold winter weather.



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

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't figure the repeater would be installed in Jackson County. He was told the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club has purchased two new dual band repeaters. They can be used as VHF or UHF. They are planning to install both of them, one of VHF and one on UHF.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

A report on the CW Practice Transmitter was held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information up-to-date. ARES Forms are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website and at the meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. He said the hours will be lower since most of our activities are over for this year. The hours can be turned into either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Changing of unit numbers was held off until the January meeting.

Fund raising activities was held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to keep their FCC Password in his database to let him know.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members that hasn't completed the basic NIMS courses of 100, 200, 700, and 800, they can use the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to get their family and friends to register their Kroger Cards.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be for the information that he has.

The filling out of the WV Surplus application is still a work in progress.

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 no report on the updating of the Emergency Operations Plan. The plan can be found on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. Everyone should look at the plan and bring back any ideas or changes they have to the January meeting.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he made a trip to the Boys and Girls Club in Parkersburg, and discussed a presentation on Amateur Radio. Ken said the officials said they were interested, and they have his contact information.

A Discussion on a class on how to use a digital multimeter was held off until the January meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the folding chairs that are being repaired, reinforced, and painted. He said that 97 of 156 chairs are completed and back on the chair trailer. He said he will work on the rest of the chairs whenever the weather is warm. He said that he has also made three sets of stencils that he can use to stencil any of the chairs that were acquired from other locations. He's hoping to have all of the chairs completed before they are needed. Ken said that he found information on when the 225 chairs were originally purchased and when they were first repainted. He said that 75 of the 225 chairs were purchased by and went to the Deerwalk VFD.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has made up the 2018 to 2019 ID Cards using the same medical forms as last year. He said those wanting to make changes on their medical form, or have new pictures for their ID Card, can be made during the year, and have them ready before the 2019 to 2020 ID Cards are made up.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Ken, WA8LLM, gave reports on the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades. It was suggested that if we participate in parades next year, that we use Christmas music. It was also discussed about not participating in the Vienna Parade next year. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

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THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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