



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.**

### **Minutes of February 7, 2017**

**The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 19 members and guests present.**

**A motion to accept the January 3, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. 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, KD8GWP, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is still working just fine and has had no bad reports. Terry, KC8TUE, Dot, KC8HAI, and himself were at a Health Department exercise in Elizabeth before the meeting. They passed the tower where the Wirt County Remote Receiver is located, but didn't have time to stop, climb the tower, and re-align the UHF beam antenna, so the Remote Receiver is still not working with the repeater system.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't have anything to report on the donation letters.**

**Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website was up-to-date.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he checked the Communications Trailer the day before the meeting. The batteries are still charged up. He checked a couple of the radios, and they were okay. He says the DAREN Packet radio is still on, but he didn't get to check to see if the TNC is still programmed. He said that since the power was off for an extended length of time, the TNCs may have lost their memory, and need to be re-programmed.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, has checked out the 443.175 MHz Repeater, and says it does have audio passing through it. That repeater gets very little use.**

**The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is on hold, waiting to get the Motorola 443.175 MHz repeater working and placed at Mountwood Park.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still a work in progress.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't got to work on the CW Practice Transmitter. At the present time the antenna for the CW Transmitter is being used for a Packet Radio NODE on 145.09 MHz.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that ARES Forms were on the sign-in table and should be used to upgrade ARES Members equipment and operating capability.**



**There was a reminder the members should keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into either Terry, KC8TUE, or Ken, WA8LLM.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no changes in unit numbers. But, any member who wants to change their unit number should contact her. Some unit numbers became available at the end of the year.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there are no fund raising activities being planned.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will start working again on the FCC Database passwords for some of the members. Ken said that he would work with anyone wanting to do their own FCC Passwords, since it does involve your Social Security Number.**

**There was no reports of any member that has taken any of the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, 800, ICS courses, or the latest version. John, WV8DOH, is still working on one of his courses.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to get their friends to register their Kroger Card with the WCEC account. Ken said the donations from Kroger pays for the Cellular Telephones for the PBX system. If anyone needs a flyer, they are on the registration table.**

**Rick, WV8DOC, said that he is waiting for the 911 Center to contact him about having the members who will be taking the training on the EverBridge reverse 911 telephone system.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, says with the bad weather, there is no way to get to the Miller Communications, Mountwood tower site, for clean up. We'll look at getting it cleaned up later. Ken says he still needs to get to the site to work on the DAREN Packet station since it has a problem in it, and the TNC needs to be reset and re-programmed.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that John Morris, WV8JM, wants to hold off having a one day Technician Class radio class in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church until Spring or when the weather gets better.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a sample promotional ink pen from an advertising company. They said we could get the ink pins for 50 cents apiece, but only for the first order. They didn't say how much they would be after that. The group discussed it, but decided to hold off until later, when it gets closer to time that we are active in the public.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he went to the Court House and paid the rent building for the Hamfest on October 8th. He said that he needs to gets flyers printed up to take to the other Hamfests.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has to correct a couple of the WCEC ID Cards. One has the wrong unit number, and one wants a new picture.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, announced the dates for the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days Festival. Ken, WA8LLM, said he will order the BINGO Licenses for both events.**



## NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing will be held Saturday, February 11th, at the Wood County Library in North End. Testing will be at 12 noon. Two people have already said they want to take their tests.

Ken, WA8LLM, read the E-Mails to and from the Artsbridge committee. The committee feels that since everyone has Cellular Telephones that Amateur Radio and Public Safety Radio is no longer needed at the event. They think the only reason WCEC was at the event was to make emergency 911 telephone calls. In the E-Mails, Ken tried to explain to the officials that wasn't the only reason the group was there, and gave examples of events that has happened, which the group responded to. Ken said that any one who wants to help at Artsbridge on March 21st, is welcome, but he has other activities he can be working on. There was a lengthy discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Annual WV Business Report has been taken care of, and the \$25 fee has been posted in the bank.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Capital One Credit Cards have been closed. The Cards were paid off by a new BB&T Credit Card. The new BB&T Credit Card has a lot lower interest. Since it is a new card, it will be interest free for six months. Ken is going to pay a BB&T credit card that is tied to the Regular Checking account, in case of overdraft, down as fast as possible. He has already paid a sizable amount to the new BB&T card.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after attending a SIRN/IRP Radio Committee Meeting in Winfield, he, Jim, KD8ITI, Bill, N8JXO, and Terry, KC8TUE, stopped by the WV Surplus warehouse, in Dunbar, and picked up an application to purchase from surplus. Ken says he still needs to fill out the application and send it in. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that due to interference between some of the VHF Public Safety radio frequencies in the county, plans are being made to rearrange some of the frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to file the Tax Exempt 501c3 Tax Report. The IRS Tax Return needs to be completed by May 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Duane, N8LDM, about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Duane isn't for sure who is going to sponsor the race this year, but he is sure there will be one, even though it may not be as big as in the past. He didn't have a date for the race yet. Duane will keep the group posted.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, brought up about Ron Harmon, KD8CPN. Ron passed away on January 22nd. Ron had owned Harmons Cabinet Shop, which he closed down a few years ago. Ron was a charter member of WCEC, and helped write the Charter and the Bylaws, when it was organized in August 1983. When the WCEC group built the communications center for the first County Emergency Operations Center at 1810 Staunton Ave., Ron donated a lot of the material for the radio consoles. He also taught those helping build the communication center about cabinet making. There will be a memorial held for Ron on Sunday, February 12th, at 2:30 pm at the Players Guild, 229 Putman Street, in Marietta. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a lot of information of Ron's activities.



**Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:47 pm**

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,