



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of January 1, 2017

The business meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 16 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the December 6, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is still working just fine and has had no bad reports. He still hasn't had time to work on the Elizabeth Remote Receiver or the DAREN Packet station yet.

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

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website was up-to-date, even though Ken, WA8LLM, was a little late getting the DAREN News and ARES bulletins to him the same day as the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting at the bottom of his driveway. He said the cover he made out of aluminum for the vent over the refrigerator needs to be fastened to the roof. He says the wind keeps blowing it off. He said that he keeps checking the batteries that are being charged by the solar panels that are laying on the top of the trailer. He also checks some of the radios to make sure they work on the batteries. Ken said that he was hunting for some battery terminal connectors when he remembered the batteries that were in MOBILCOM-1. The batteries weren't that old, so he took them out and put them on charge. The batteries can be placed in the Communications Trailer.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he was able to key up the 443.175 MHz Repeater, but didn't have anyone to talk to, so he doesn't know if audio is passing through it.

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 that he still hasn't heard anything from his friend in Texas who may be able to answer some question about using the Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services on the Amateur Bands. It is still a work in progress.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still hasn't got to work on the CW Practice Transmitter.

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

There was a reminder the members should keep track volunteer hours.

There was a reminder that any member who wants to change their unit number should contact Cathy, KC8DJJ.

Since Cathy, KC8DJJ, and Brad, KC8TYU, weren't at the meeting there was no Fund Raising Committee report.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to start working on the FCC Database passwords for some of the members.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those in the group who haven't completed the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, 800, or the latest issue, they should try to work on them as soon as possible. Terry, KC8TUE, wanted to know if you already have the older certificates, due they need to be upgraded to the latest ones. There was a short discussion, and he and Ken would try to find out. The question was brought up because there is going to be a COML Class that said you must have completed the IS-100B, 200B, 700A, and 800B. You can go through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website, follow the link, and take and complete the courses. After completing the courses copy of the certificate or the E-Mail link should be sent to him for the record.

Ken, WA8LLM, received the donation check from Kroger in the amount of \$86.04 Ken reminded the members to get their friends to register their Kroger Cards. Ken said the check can be used to add minutes to the Tracfonos for the telephone system. Since we need to add minutes every three months, and we get a donation from Kroger every three months, that should take care of the cellphones. A short discussion followed.

There was no report on the EverBridge system.

With all the rain, going to the Miller Communications, Mountwood tower site, for clean up, hasn't been possible. Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs to get to the site to work on the DAREN Packet station since it has a problem in it.



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.

There was a short discussion on the promotional ink pens, but no decision about them has been made yet, or how much we want to pay for them. They did say they would like to get them for around 50 cents or less per pin. Ken, WA8LLM, said that getting the word out about the organization might be able to help. He did say that an Amateur that has moved into Wood County saw the banners on the float at the Christmas parade and looked us up on the web. Ken talked to him for about an hour on the telephone, and thought he might be at the meeting, but he didn't show.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has to correct a couple of the WCEC ID Cards.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the W5YI VE Testing held on December 10th. There was one upgrade to Extra, and one new Technician license given.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Vienna and Parkersburg Christmas Parades. He said the parades went well, even though the weather was cold. There was a discussion about the Bill Board sign the group purchased a few years ago. It was talked about hanging it on the flood wall during the Parkersburg Homecoming in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the closing of the Capital One Credit Cards. Ken said the bank paid off the Capital One Credit Cards, and opened up A BB&T Credit Card. The card is interest free for six months, but the interest will be about 10 or 11 percent instead of 20 percent.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to continue the activities in 2017 that were held in 2016, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion passed.

Ken, said that he has received a contract letter for the use of the 4-H Campground Building for the Hamfest on October 14th. Ken will stop by the courthouse and pay for the building before the February meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to order the BINGO Licenses for the Homecoming BINGO and Volcano Days BINGO. He just needs to get the dates before he can apply for the licenses.



There was a discussion about the rent on the Lubeck Civic Center building.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he thought he had the address changed on all of the WCEC papers. He had forgotten about the licenses for the trailers. He needs to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ken said this is the year that we need to renew the trailer licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by Lowes, to check and see if they have a grant program. He was told they don't have a grant program, but they do contribute to volunteer, non-profit organizations. He said that we just need to write a letter asking for a donation of what we need. We still need to get about 200 chairs. It was discussed about going to the Wood County School Board and check on any chairs they may be getting rid of.

A lengthy discussion about some of the fund raising activities that should be held this year ensued.

There was a short discussion about someone having a crossband repeater causing interference between one of the local Amateur repeaters, and the Wood County Fire band.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting was over Ken, WA8LLM, did a demonstration on using soundcard Packet Radio.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257