



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

### **Minutes of July 4, 2017**

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were only 14 members and guests present. Since the meeting was held on the holiday, the attendance was down due to other activities.

A motion to accept the June 6, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, 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 Bill, N8JXO, seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the receiver on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver for the 147.255 MHz Repeater, went bad. He tried to use some of the Alinco DR-135 transceivers out of the communications trailer to get the unit back into operation, but they were bad too. Ken explained some of the plans for the repeater.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said he received the stamps for mailing donation letters, but hasn't had time to mail any more 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 he took the Communications Trailer to Field Day and operated one of the stations out of it. After Field Day was over Ken has taken the trailer back to its parking space.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has checked out the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater while he has been working on some new Coaxial Collinear antennas.**

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

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to getting everything ready for Field Day, he hasn't had time to work on CW Practice Transmitter.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had ARES Forms at the meeting if anyone needed to upgrade their communications or any other equipment.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the volunteer hours. He said do not forget all the hours for Field Day.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no one asking for a unit number change.**



**Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Hot Dog Supper held on Saturday, July 1st.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to have their 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. Ken said that he received three certificates, 100, 200, AND 700 from Tyler Vincent, KD8RKE.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Kroger, giving him the information on the amount of donations for this quarter. Ken said that a couple who attended the Hot Dog Supper on July 1st, took a copy of the Kroger Flier, and said they would register their Kroger Card.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Rick Woodard at the last LEPC Meeting about the Everbridge system. Rick said there would be no classes on how to operate the system. He said the system is easy to use, but if we have any problems to contact Bill Riffle at the E-911 Center for help. Ken said the last time there was a weather advisory that Rick, WV8DOC, sent out, he received three telephone calls, a text message, and an E-Mail message. He said that he would rather have all of them, than to miss the advisory. If you are not in the Database that WV8DOC has set up, you might want to contact him. He can put your telephone, both home and cell, your E-Mail, and Text in the Database.**

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

**Terry, KC8TUE, made a motion to remove the promotional ink pens off the to do list until we need them, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.**

**None of the Hamfest fliers were passed out in the last month. Ken, WA8LLM, is waiting to see if Mike, KD8VLL, will be needing any of them to take to the WV ARRL State Convention in August. Since the convention is on the same day as the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO, and Half Marathon, Ken won't be able to go. Ken said that he picked up one door prize. He said that he went to Lowe's to purchase some trash bags and clippers, he received a Lowe's hat, which he didn't need, so he is putting it into the prize box. Ken said that we need to start getting some more door prizes for the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't worked on the WV Surplus application in the past month, but will try to work on it as soon as possible.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Anna, KC8JWW, about putting the tower we got from Tyler County up at the Field Day Site. She said it would be up to her son Mark. Before Field Day, Bill, N8JXO, and Ken marked off a place to put it which should be out of the way. Ken still needs to talk to Mark.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician Class Radio Class at Parkersburg Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 6th. There were 14 people who took the class and 13 of them took and passed their test. Those who passed the test have received their license.**



There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at 12 Noon, at the North End Parkersburg Library. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will need help.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Cliff Buckley at Eastwood VFD has the name of someone who wants the use of both 24 by 40 canopies and 26 tables and maybe chairs for a wedding on October 7th. The wedding will be on Radcliff Run Road. The girl who wants the canopies, tables, and possibly the chairs would like to have it set up on October 5th. A short discussion followed.

No one went to the Ritchie County Safety Fair.

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 gave a partial Field Day report. He says that he still needs some pictures for the paper report. He will be sending in the electronic report to the ARRL in a few days. He will try to have a copy of the paper report at the August meeting. He has started a "To-Do" list for next years Field Day, or any time we might need the equipment. He has already placed Quad boxes on all of the number 10, 50 foot extension cords. He is planning to put together two PSK31 station before next Field Day. He needs to repair at least three 800 Watt generators, and some power supplies. A lengthy discussion followed.

## NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing will be held on August 12, 2017. Testing will be at the North End Library at 12:00 noon, if anyone contacts us to let us know. There needs to be at least one person that says they will be there to test.

Ken, WA8LLM said he got a telephone call from Sam Vincent about the High School / Middle School Cross Country races. The dates will be September 9th, 19th, October 3rd, and 19th. A short discussion followed.

Bret, KD8DLX, mad a motion to hold the annual WCEC Picnic before the August Business Meeting, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she would hold W5YI VE Testing before the regular monthly meeting, if anyone wants to take one. The testing will start at 6:00 pm, and will be over before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there will be an all you can eat Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, August 30th. The dinner will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm The cost of the dinner will be \$6:00.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we will be setting up the canopies, tables, and chairs for the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. Set up will start at about 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 17th.



**Bill, N8JXO, said that he will make his garage available for training. Followed by a lengthy discussion followed.**

**Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:29 pm**

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Eddie Allan KE8HEG/Unit 269, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275,