



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

### **Minutes of March 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 February 7, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. 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 Dave, N8NWV, seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is still working just fine and has had no bad reports. Ken said he still needs to get to the Wirt County Remote Receiver site to replace the antennas outrigger and re-align the UHF Lind Transmitter antenna. He needs to make a trip to Rockport to see why the Remote Receiver is off the air.**

**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 during the storm on March 3rd, that one of the solar panels blew off the roof of the Communications Trailer, but no damage was done to it since it landed in the grass. When the weather gets better, he wants to mount the panels on the roof.**

**No one has checked on the 443.175 MHz Repeater lately. We need to make sure that it is working since we will need it on April 2nd, for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race.**

**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. The Kenwood repeater belongs to Matt, N8MDG. Ken needs to talk to Matt about moving it to Jackson County after the Motorola repeater gets put into operation.**

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

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the antenna for the CW Transmitter is being used for a Packet Radio NODE on 145.09 MHz. He needs to check with Randy Thomas, K8KHW, to see if he is still using the NODE. The system was put on the air as a temporary NODE while Randy worked on another Packet path to Cambridge, Ohio.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone needs to upgrade their equipment or privileges, there were ARES Forms on the sign-in table.**



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.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there are no fund raising activities being planned. She just has some ideas. She has been studying for her national medical test which she will be taking Saturday, March 11th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still has some FCC Database passwords to get caught up. He now knows how to download the official copy of Amateur Radio licenses. Dave, N8NWV, says his license is due for renewal this year. Ken said he needs to get passwords set up for Dave, N8NWV, Matt, KD8GWP, Colt, KD8UAC, Kymber, KD8UQR, Kristi, KD8WHN, Matt, KD8WHM, and Barb, KD8SQY. To set up a password, you need to use your Social Security Number on the FCC web site. A short discussion followed.

John, WV8DOH, wasn't at the meeting, but he did send Ken, WA8LLM, a link to get a copy of his NIMS 802 certificate. Ken reminded everyone if they haven't completed their ICS-100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, they should work on them when they get a chance.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were copies of the Kroger fliers on the sign-in table. Dave, N8NWV, said that he is still unable to get into the Kroger site to get his card registered. Ken said that he will try to get it registered.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the database is up-to-date, but he is still 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, said he will be going to the Washington County, Ohio, LEPC Meeting the next day on Wednesday. He said that one of the Wood County 911 officials may be at the meeting. He will talk to them about getting the training, if they are at the meeting.

The cleaning of the Miller Communications, Mountwood tower site, will be held off for a little while longer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the date for the one day Technician Class radio class in Marietta at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church, will be held on March 18th. There may be as many as 10 people to take the class. Ken said that he had 10 copies of the Technician Question Pool, but he went to NOE Office and had 10 more printed up. A short discussion followed.

A discussion about promotional ink pens is being held off until later in the activity period of the season.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he will get a couple hundred flyers for the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest printed up before the Charleston Hamfest, which will be held on March 25th. Bill, N8JXO said the information about the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest is on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website. The group already has the First, Second, and Third Main prizes, and the Generator to be given away as one of the main 5 minute door prize. We need to start getting the rest of the door prizes together, since they are given away every five minutes. Ken said that he did contact the ARRL and the Hamfest is



a sanctioned ARRL Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he was hoping to get applications for BINGO Licenses the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days Festival before the meeting, but he has been working on some other projects.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the VE Testing that was held on February 11th. There was two people who took their Technician License, both of them passed their test, and have received their calls.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that Artsbridge will be holding their VSA Event on March 21st. Anyone who wants to help can just show up at WVU-P.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the filling out of the WV Surplus Warehouse applications is more complicated than he thought. He needs to call them and get some of the questions answered. A short discussion followed.

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. The filling can be done on the Internet, but needs to be done by Internet Explorer browser.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Duane, N8LDM, at the Wood County LEPC Meeting about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Duane said that everything is a go for the race. Nothing much will change from last year's race. We need at least 8 radio operators to be in the field, beside the race control operators. The race starts at 12 noon, but we should be at Mountwood Park by 9:00 am to get our assignments and get into the woods. Ken explained what information is needed to keep track of the racers.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received the renewal applications for the six trailers. He has already renewed the trailer licenses. The trailer licenses are good for three years.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:47 pm

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWXV/Unit 285, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282