



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

### **Minutes of October 3, 2017**

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

**A motion to accept the September 5, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dot, KC8HAI, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that with all of the activities, he's not been able to work on getting the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver for the 147.255 MHz repeater system, back on the air. Even with the Laurel Creek Receiver down the repeater seems to be working pretty good. He is hoping to work on the system as soon as possible. He wants to get at least one more UHF Link Receiver connected into the voter on the repeater system.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said there was nothing to report on the donation letters. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will take a donation letter to Harbor Freight to request door prize donations for the Hamfest.**

**Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is as up to date as it can be.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer was taken to the Volcano Days festival, but is now back in its parking place. He said the Solar Panels are back on the top of the roof and connected to the batteries. He noticed that after the trailer was parked, that one of the tires had a slow leak. It was discussed the tire may need to be replaced since it may be dry rotted. Dave, N8NWV, suggested the trailer have the tires parked on concrete, or something to keep them off the ground.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has tested the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater, and it seems to be working okay.**

**The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold.**

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

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been cutting brush around the building that houses the CW Practice Transmitter, and should be able to start working on getting it back on the air.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information**



up-to-date.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. They can be turned into to either Terry, KC8TUR, or himself.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there have been no requests for unit number changes.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there have been no Fund Raising activities planned.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to get an Official copy of Brad, KC8TYU's Amateur License. Brad said that he already has a copy of it.  
Ken said that if anyone wants to have their FCC password stored on his Personal Security Question Database, he would add it there.

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](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while at the Volcano Days festival, two or three people said they were going to register their Kroger Card. While at the festival, Ken received an E-Mail from Kroger saying that a quarterly donation check of \$101.69 from 17 families would be mailed within 30 days.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the Everbridge system. Rick said the system is as up-to-date with the information he has on hand. Anyone wanting to add additional telephone numbers or E-Mail addresses should contact Rick.

A lengthy discussion was held about the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest on October 14th. Bill, N8JXO, said he has his door prize program ready to go. Lisa, KB8UER, said she received a donation check from Waste Management in the amount of \$500. Joe, KD8YVB, said the 10 Hand Held radios that he ordered has arrived. Five of the Hand Held Radios will be given away this year and five at next years Hamfest. There will be a trip to Columbus in the next couple weeks to pick up the main prizes for the 2018 Hamfest, since the ones for this year are already on hand. There was a discussion about the free tables at the Hamfest.

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. He was going to talk to Mark at the pasta dinner, but another subject came up and he forgot about it. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder about the canopies, tables, and possibly the chairs for a wedding. The set up time for the wedding will be at about 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 5th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub Special Event Station during the Volcano Days Festival. The group only operated on 40 Meters, and made 192 contacts during the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has still heard nothing about a donation for the use of one 24 by 40



foot canopy at the Broadway Church of Nazarene during the Parkersburg Homecoming. He hasn't heard anything from them about using both 24 by 40 foot canopies for their Halloween Party.

Ken gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Cross County races held on September 9th. He said there were 8 people helping with the communications. There was one 24 by 40 foot canopy set up for the Medical Tent, and three 10 by 10 canopies set up for the race announcer, the race announcer, and the ticket sales at the gate. WCEC also provided, and operated two racing clocks. They also provided the radios for communications for the 4 Wheelers.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Cross Country races held on September 19th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the two new canopies, and bungee balls that was ordered last month. The canopies and bungees have arrived, and were first used at the Mineral Wells Fire Department Pig Roast and the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races. One of the new canopies was used at the Volcano Days BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Cross Country races that was held just before this month's meeting. There were only 5 radio operators at the races. That was plenty since there were only races, and we only needed one race clock.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Pipeline Class at the Nemesis Shiners building. There were 8 members of WCEC who attended the class. Those who were there picked up several additional door prizes for the Hamfest.

## NEW BUSINESS

There will be another Cross County race on Thursday, October 5th. It will be a Williamstown sponsored race.

There will be Regional Cross Country races to be held on Tuesday, October 19th. There will be four races, three miles each. The races will start at 3:00 pm. We will need clocks and operators at miles one and two.

Bob, KD8PYF, talked about giving a presentation on Amateur Radio at the Boy and Girls Club. Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he gets a chance, he will go talk to the officials.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:08 pm

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit



275, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Kenny Roberts WV8EER/Unit 362, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Scooby Sawyer AK9DOG, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282