



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

Minutes of June 5, 2018

Before the meeting started a W5YI VE Technician Exam was given to Nathaniel Wigal, who passed.

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 15 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 1, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. 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 he made a trip to Mountwood Park to work on the RITCWV DAREN Packet station. While he was there he made notes on how the Link Receivers were wired into the system. His plans are to remove the four Motorola receivers, and replace them with the Retcvis H777 transceivers that will be used as Link Receivers, and add four additional Transceivers for a total of eight Link Receivers. Ken said he knows why no one is hearing the Touch-Tone for the start of the races. The Repeater controller is blocking the Touch-Tone from being re-transmitted. He explained his plans to add a ninth receiver that will only be used for events that require a portable Remote Receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation letters that he has sent out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website isn't up to date yet. He has the information, but just hasn't had time to put it on the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to get the flat tire on the Communications Trailer fixed before Field Day. We still needs to replace the batteries in the trailer, but that won't happen before Field Day. There will be enough batteries for Field Day. Terry, KC8TUE, said he would check around for some Deep Cycle batteries. A short discussion followed.

Ken, said that while he was at the 147.255 MHz Repeater site he made measurements of the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater. He's not sure the repeater will fit in the cabinet he is planning to use on the St Marys tower. A short discussion followed.

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 nothing has been done with the CW Practice Transmitter.

The members were reminded to keep their ARES information up-to-date. ARES Forms were available at the sign in table and are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. Ken, WA8LLM, said there are some changes coming to the ARES program.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. The hours can be turned into to either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no unit number changes requested.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the fund raising committee is still planning to hold a Hot Dog Supper on July 21st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cathy said that her boss donated a bunch of cups that can be used at the Hot Dog Supper. Cathy went to a vender fair on June 2nd and sold some of the Rada Knives. That's why she couldn't make the Multimeter/Soldering class. She is planning to hold a Fall Fest on October 6th if they can get the building on South Side.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they want their FCC Password saved in his database to let him know.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, they are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to talk to their friends and relatives, and to have them register their Kroger Card. It was asked if the organization needs to re-register. The organization doesn't need to re-register, but those who are registered needs to re-register every year. They should get a reminder E-Mail. Fliers were available on the sign in table.

Rick, WV8DOC, reported the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be for the information he has. Anyone who wants to get signed up on Everbridge should contact Rick so he can set it up. Rick didn't have a number of those who are signed up. He has updated the system with those who he has information on.

The filling out of the WV Surplus application is still a work in progress. Nothing has been done with it lately.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that during Field Day he will try to talk to Mark Hendershot about installing the old Tyler County tower at the Wood County Field Day site.

The Digital Multimeter and Soldering class was held on June 2nd. Only a few people showed up. There was a lot of discussion and one J-Pole was built.

Ken, WA8LLM, thought he had only 20 chairs that wire brushed and needed to be painted, but when he got started painting he found there was 28. He said that he has only 31 chairs left that needs to be wire brushed, painted, and logos painted on. He needs to get the 31 finished before the Parkersburg Homecoming in August.

Nothing has been done with the WCEC ID Cards.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the changing of the Public Safety frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he picked up some door prizes with some of the extra money left over from the one day Technician class held in Grantsville. He gave a list of some of the door prizes that are already put together. Ken said that he forgot to contact Alan Carpenter about doing QSL Card checking. He said that he would contact Alan before the next meeting. Bill, N8JXO, said that he would have his program ready for the Hamfest, and that he would like to have a list of all the door prizes collected so far.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has the BINGO Licenses in hand for the Homecoming and Volcano Days. Set up time will be about 5:00pm on Thursday August 16th for the homecoming.

There was a reminder Volcano Days BINGO will be held September 28th, 29th, and 30th, at Mountwood Park.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 18th. Ken, WA8LLM, is hoping to have the clocks modified so they can be started by radio.



A list of those helping with the Half Marathon was read off. A short discussion followed.

There was a discussion on Field Day that will be June 23rd and 24th. It was reported the roof needs to be fixed on PJ2H. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has two PSK-31 stations ready to go. He would like to test them out before Field Day. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Run held on May 19th. He and Bill, N8JXO, tested the UHF paths of all the Mile Markers. Bill and Ken installed a temporary Remote Receiver on Quincy Hill. Ken gave a report on all the problems that happened at the finish line with getting the list of runners. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician Class License class at Grantsville. There were 10 people who took the class and 8 of them passed the exams, and have their licenses. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, doesn't figure there will be a General Class License class at Grantsville in the Fall. There may be some who failed the test come to Parkersburg on Saturday June 9th to take the test again.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the remote starting of the racing clocks is work in progress. He said that he ordered 15, 3 Amp Batteries for the clocks. The batteries will be mounted in the clocks. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the WC8EC License has been renewed for ten years.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Sam Vincent called and gave him dates for the Cross Country races.

The bills for the Lubeck Civic Center for 2017 and 2018 have been paid.

The August 7th meeting will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center since that is the annual picnic. The December meeting will also be at the Lubeck Civic Center for the Christmas Dinner.

Rick, WV8DOC, said he had an informal meeting with Rick Woodyard and Mike Shook at the 911 Center about members of WCEC who have had EOC training. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the Honda generator was repaired, and the cost is \$40.

Deerwalk VFD needs a canopy for their Ice Cream Social on June 9th.

Dave, N8NWV made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Joe Wigal W8JTW, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Nathaniel Wigal KE8KCB (issued 6/18/2018)