



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of April 6, 2018

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 14 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 6, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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 Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay, he hasn't had and bad reports.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation letters that he has sent out. He said that he hasn't heard anything back from the grant application request from Harbor Freight.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is as up to date as it can be. If anyone needs a password to get into the password protected area of the website, contact Bill.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to take the flat tire off the Communications Trailer to get it fixed. He was planning to do it before this month's meeting, but the weather hasn't been good enough. He is hoping to have it fixed before Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still planning to move the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater to St. Marys. The repeater doesn't have a repeater controller, but Ken has plans to put an Identifier on the repeater.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may re-coordinate the frequency to be used in St Marys.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been talking to Sammy, N8SVX, that this summer they will get the equipment out and try to make them talk to each other.

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 are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. A short discussion followed.



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 planning to hold a Hot Dog Supper on July 21st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cathy talked about purchasing some Rada Knives to sale at any activities, community sales, and the Volcano Days Festival. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to keep their FCC Password in his database to let him know. Ken said the WC8EC license is coming up for renewal, A short discussion followed.

Even though most of those at the meeting have already taken the NIMS courses, Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members they can use the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from Kroger saying they would be sending a check in to amount of \$77.40 from the 17 household that are signed up for the donation program. Ken reminded everyone to have their friends and families to register their Kroger Card. Kroger fliers were at the sign-in table at the meeting. The next donation from Kroger will be in July.

Rick, WV8DOC, reported the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be for the information he has. The Everbridge system is like a reverse 911. If you want to be contacted during emergencies, you can have your telephone number, E-Mail, Text, etc., contact Rick so he can set it up.

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

The installing of the old Tyler County tower at the Wood County Field Day site is on hold until the weather gets better, and we can talk to Mark Hendershot about the location. The tower will be used for Back-Up systems. The tower can't be used for Field Day.

Bill, N8JXO, made several updates the Emergency Operations Plan. The plan doesn't need to be approved by vote, but it should be reviewed and updated from time to time. If you want to see the plan, and you have a password, the plan is in the password protected area of the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

There has been no date set yet for the Digital Multimeter and Soldering class that will be held at Bill, N8JXO's, garage. A date will be set once the weather gets a lot better. Ken, WA8LLM, says he needed to get all of the equipment put together for the class. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to the weather nothing has been done on repairing, re-enforcing, and painting of the folding chairs. He says that he has 20 chairs wire brushed down and ready to paint. He says he has about 40 chairs that needs to be wire brushed to get ready to paint.



Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they want to get a new picture for their ID Card to let him know. Also any medical information, for the back of the ID Card, can be upgraded.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the changing of some of the Public Safety frequencies. Cathy, KC8DJJ, got a text message during the meeting, from Matt, and said that he has talked to Rick Woodward, and he said the only frequencies that were going to be changed are the Fire, EMS, and Sheriff.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from Duane, N8LDM. Duane said that his sister in Tennessee had passed away, and that he was going to miss the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Cathy, KC8DJJ, read the E-Mail to those at the meeting. We are still going to provide the services that we usually do at the bike race. The race is this coming Sunday, April 8th. We don't know what the weather is going to be like, so just think Warm and Dry. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that the Hamfest has been registered with the ARRL, and we are an ARRL certified Hamfest. Ken said that he had 200 fliers made up, and some of them taken to the Charleston Hamfest. Ken said that if anyone is going to Harbor Freight to get something, we have plenty of coupons for free items for door prizes. It was mentioned the Jackson County Hamfest will be May 6th, and the Athens Hamfest will be April 29th. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 18th.

Volcano Days BINGO will be September 28th, 29th, and 30th, at Mountwood Park.

There was a reminder that Field Day will be June 23rd and 24th.

There was a reminder the Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be May 19th. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that the WCEC VE Team has been asked to go to Grantsville and do a One Day Technician for 20 to 25 people.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought one of the racing clocks that has been installed with a remote start via radio for Show-N-Tell. Ken said that he will have enough clocks ready for the Vienna Fun Run and the Chic-Fil-A Road Run. He needs to finish building the rest of the printed circuit boards for the rest of the eleven clocks. Ken said that he needs to get some radios that will operate on the Amateur Bands. He said that he saw where 10 of them could be purchased for around \$100. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, got a confirmation about the Vienna River Road Fun Run. The race will be held on April 28th. The race starts at 8:00. Those helping should be at Hardee's in Vienna at 7:00 am.



There will be W5YI VE Testing on April 14, at the North End Library at 12:00 Noon.

There was a discussion about holding the monthly WCEC meeting at Cheryl's Country Diner. Next month's meeting will be held Cheryl's Country Diner, and most meetings except for the Annual Picnic and the Christmas Party.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK, Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285,