



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of February 6, 2018

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and Director. The attendance was down due to several other activities by several of the members. There were only 10 members and guests present. Since there was a low attendance the meeting was short.

A motion to accept the January 2, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. 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 Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the DR-135 Transceiver that was purchased from Brent, KD8DLX, has been installed as the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater seems to be working like it used to.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation letters that he has sent out. He said that he still needs to work on the Harbor Freight donation application.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is as up to date as it can be.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still parked at its location and the flat tire is still on the trailer with the lug nuts loose and ready to be taken in to get fixed. The weather hasn't been good enough to take it in.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater has been coming up every time he keys it. While he and Ken, WA8LLM, were at a meeting in Pleasants County they talked to one of Pleasants County Commissioners Larry Barnhart, KE8GXL. Larry said that we can place a tower on his property which is on top of the hill on Route 16. There are plans to move the 443.175 MHz repeater from Sand Hill to the Pleasants County tower. On the same tower we may install a DAREN Packet station. 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.



Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information up-to-date. ARES Forms are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website and at the meetings. Ken said that upgrades can be equipment other than just communications equipment.

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

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

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the fund raising committee is holding off plans for a dinner at the Mineral Wells Community Building until we find out about the Lubeck Community Building. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to keep their FCC Password in his database to let him know. He has renewed Anna, KC8JWW's license this past week. He has a printed copy of her license.

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 / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and families to register their Kroger Card. Kroger fliers were at the sign-in table at the meeting.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Everbridge system.

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

Due to the bad weather Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done with the old Tyler County tower.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't found any major changes that need to be made on Emergency Operations Plan. The plan can be found on 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, once the weather gets a lot better.

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.

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. Medical Forms are at the sign-in table at the meeting. Brad, KC8TYU, said that his unit number needs to be corrected on his ID Card, it should be 259 instead of 289.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there have been no plans for a One Day Technician class.



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

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the date for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike has been set. The date will be April 8th. Ken said that he hasn't heard from Duane, N8LDM, about needing our assistance. Ken just wants to get radio operators committed in case he hears from Duane.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that on the way to the meeting, he stopped by the Court House, and paid the rent for the 4-H Camp Ground Building for the Hamfest which will be held on October 13th.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that WCEC isn't on the calendar after May for using the Lubeck Civic Center building for meetings. Terry is going to contact Judy, N8UFQ, who works with the building coordinator. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave the dates for the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO, August 17th, 18th, 19th, the Parkersburg Half Marathon, August 18th, and Volcano Days BINGO, September 28th, 29th, 30th. She also gave the dates of Field Day which is June 23rd, 24th. A short discussion about the clocks for the Half Marathon and PSK31 stations for Field Day followed.

There was a short discussion about the Wood County and Washington County LEPC Meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he run into Lou Molinaro, the race coordinator, who said he would get the dates for the road runs to him shortly.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

After the meeting Ken, WA8LLM, had some homemade antennas available for show-n-tell

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matthew Doyle KC8FSI, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282.