



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of March 6, 2018

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

A motion to accept the February 6, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. 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 has submitted a donation request application to Harbor Freight, we just need to wait and see.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is as up to date as it can be. He talked about the official information that is in the Password protected area of the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to take the flat tire off the Communications Trailer to get it fixed. He is planning on doing it the day after the meeting if the weather is good. The batteries that were in the trailer needs to be replaced. Ken will try to replace them before Field Day.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he keyed up the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater, but didn't talk to anyone on it. There was a short discussion about moving it to Pleasants County. Larry Barnhart, KE8GXL, said we could install a tower behind his garage on the top of Rt 16 hill outside of St Marys. Plans are to add a Remote Receiver for the 147.255 MHz Repeater, and a Packet station on the DAREN (Digital Amateur Radio Emergency Network). 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. Don, N8NUS, submitted an updated ARES Form.

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 have been no unit number changes requested.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the fund raising committee is planning to hold a Hot Dog Suppler in July. The group is still waiting to get a bill for the use of the Lubeck Community Building. Cathy talked about getting some Rada Knives to sale at 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. 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, 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 April.

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

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. It can't be used for Field Day.

Bill, N8JXO, brought an updated copy of the Emergency Operations Plan to the meeting for all to look at. There are very few changes to the plan. Other than removing a couple locations, the biggest changes was changing the name of the organization from Wood County Emergency Communications to WCEC, the plan looks good. Bill said he will put the updated copy of the plan in the password protected section of the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. A short discussion followed.

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, 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.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he talked to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director about the changing the frequencies of some of the Public Safety radio systems. The request for the frequency changes are in the hands of the FCC. Matt will keep the group updated if and when the changes happen so we can re-program all of our radios. There was a short discussion about how much work needs to be completed when that happens.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he talked to Duane, N8LDM, at the Wood County LEPC meeting about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike race. Duane said the race organizers does want the Amateurs to provide the race communications. The date for the race will be April 8th at 12 noon. Radio operators should be at Mountwood Park at around 9:00 am to get their assignments and get on location. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we need to start getting door prizes ready for the Hamfest, which will be held on October 13th. Ken said the three main prizes, the generator for main door prize, five hand held radios for doors prizes, and a few other door prizes are already in hand. Ken says he still needs to register the Hamfest with the ARRL, and get fliers ready to go to the other Hamfests.

Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 18th. We need make sure the race clocks are ready.

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

Bill, N8JXO, reminded Ken, WA8LLM, about the remote start on the racing clocks. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that one of the BB&T Credit Cards was cancelled and a new one issued. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he completed the annual IRS 501c3 Tax Report. He has also completed the WV Annual Business Report. The WV Annual Report was \$25 and \$1 for a port fee.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from the Chik-Fil-A Road Run race organizer requesting Amateur Radio operators and Racing Clocks for the road race which will be held on May 19th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Rod Godfrey, W8RDG, asking for the WCEC VE Group to hold a One Day Tech Class at the fire station in Grantsville on May 12th. Rod said that sometime in the Fall he would like to have the group come back



up and do a General Class License class.

There nothing official yet, but the Vienna Dry Road Fun Run may be April 28th.

There is supposed to be a Storm Spotters Class at the E-911 Center on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:00pm. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, says the ARRL is asking the FCC to allow Technicians to have a some part of some of the HF Bands. He says the article is on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Before the meeting was called to order, Bill, N8JXO, and Ken, WA8LLM, talked about using Cheryl's Country Diner on Rt 47, just past the State Police for a meeting place. They forgot to bring it up under New Business. They talked about holding the April Business Meeting at Cheryl's. Ken said that he would send an E-Mail to everyone to see what they think.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G