



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of May 1, 2018

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 16 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 3, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay. Ken said that he took the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver to the Vienna Fun Run to experiment with it. He set up two antennas 16 feet to see if there was a link path back to the transmitter of the repeater system. It seems to work good. Plans are to take the remote receiver to the different activities so we can use the 147.255 MHz repeater for the communications. A short discussion followed.

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.

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 months meeting, but the weather hasn't been good enough. He is hoping to have it fixed before Field Day.

Matt, KD8WHN, said he tested the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater, and it seemed to be 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 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, 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 used the \$200 check to order Rada Knives to be sold at events that she will be attending, and at the Volcano Days Festival. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they want their FCC Pasword 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. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to talk to their friends and relatives, and to have them register their Kroger Card. 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. A lengthy discussion followed.

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 since the weather is better he needs to get with Mark Hendershot about installing the old Tyler County tower at the Wood County Field Day site. He has another location that he is thinking about. We don't want the tower to be in the way.

There was a discussion about holding the Digital Multimeter and Soldering class. It was decided to hold the class on June 2nd at 9:00am. The class will be held at Bill, N8JXO's, garage. Everyone is invited to participate.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has about 20 chairs that are wire brushed and still needs to be painted and have the logo put on. He doesn't know if Eastwood VFD will want to use the chairs for their Ice Cream Social on June 2nd.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to work on a couple WCEC ID Cards.

Matt, KD8WHN, gave a report on which agencies will be having the Public Safety frequencies changed. They are still waiting for the FCC on the frequencies. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. There was no major incidents. Ken said that we did lose one of our portable radios. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we need to start getting door prizes put together for the Hamfest that will be held on October 13th. Ken, and Dot, KC8HAI, were at Harbor Freight before



the meeting and picked up a few items. Lisa, KB8UER, said that she sent in a request to Waste Management for a donation. She hasn't heard anything back yet. Ken said that he hasn't heard if there would be a West Virginia ARRL State convention meeting at the Hamfest. It was asked if there was going to be someone at the Hamfest to certify QSL Cards. Ken said he would contact the QSL person.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to order the BINGO Licenses for the Homecoming and Volcano Days.

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 start by radio. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder Volcano Days BINGO will be held 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. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to take the 147.255 MHz Laurel Creek Receiver, and place it on Quincy Hill. The receiver will act as a Remote Receiver for the 147.255 MHz repeater and also be used to start the race clocks. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything more about the One Day Technician Class License class at Grantsville. As the time gets closer, he will contact the organizers of the class. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Vienna River Road Fun Run on April 28th. He said that he had some problems with some of the racing clocks. Conard, KE8HLU, who helped with the race, gave Ken a suggestion as to what part of the problem might be with the clocks. Ken is going to install external antennas on the clocks which should get a better signal from the starting radio.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the W5YI VE Testing held on April 14. Three people took exams. One person, Eddie Close, took his Technician test, passed, and received the call of KE8JNK. Jeff and Kathy Bevins KE8GUC, and KE8GUD, took and passed their General exams.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he renewed the groups WC8EC license. It hadn't been updated in the FCC Database as of the meeting date.

Judy, N8UFQ, brought the bills for the membership and building for the Lubeck Civic Center for 2017 and 2018. The bills will be paid before the next meeting. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

**Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Anna Hendershot
KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kendale Peterson
KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Cathy Wotring
KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Terry
Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Kristie Lamp
KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Dave Wright N8NWW/Unit 285,
Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G**