



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

### **Minutes of October 2, 2018**

**The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 13 members and guests present.**

**A motion to accept the September 4, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion passed. 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 Lisa, KB8UER, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is working just fine. He hasn't had any bad reports. He said that he has reinstalled the Laurel Creek Receiver after the Half Marathon.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still hasn't received anything back from the Donation letters that he has sent out.**

**Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) websites are up to date. He said that he has put a notice on the site about a Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial date of October 8th. He said there have been 95 Fire Fighters that have passed away in the last year Nation Wide.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said it looks like the roof leak on the Communications Trailer is around the Air Conditioner. He is thinking about taking it out, and covering the hole since it doesn't work any way. It was suggested to put a canopy over the roof until it can be worked on.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was planning on using the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater for Volcano Days, but instead he set up a TYT Walkie/Talkie as a Remote Receiver on the 147.255 MHz Repeater. The 443.175 MHz repeater was up during the event.**

**The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.**

**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](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) websites. There was a lengthy discussion about the new ARES Strategic Plan that all members should have received. If you have any suggestions let the ARRL know. The plan says it's a final copy, so any suggestion you have probably won't be reviewed or acted on. It was suggested to keep the members lists of equipment resources together in case of emergencies if ARES program is dropped in Wood County.**



**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. The hours can be turned into to Terry, KC8TUE, or himself. The hours can be used as in-kind for any grants that we apply for**

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

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, has nothing to report from the Funds Raising Committee. She said she is no longer planning to hold a Fall Fest this year.**

**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](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) websites.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to talk to their friends and relatives, and to have them register their Kroger Card. Ken said that Kroger has changed their program, and we have a different registration number. The new number is HL113. New fliers still need to be printed up. He received an E-Mail about the donation from this quarte. A short discussion followed.**

**Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be. Rick has control on what he thinks those on who are registered on Everbridge should know, or be aware of. If you are not registered on Everbridge, and want to be, contact Rick and let him know.**

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

**Ken, WA8LLM, still needs to talk to Mark Hendershot about installing the old Tyler County tower at the Field Day site. We want to make sure the tower won't be in the way of mowing the grass.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get a new printer so he can start working on the 2019 ID Cards. Medical forms are on the Sign-in Table. If there are any changes, just let him know. Anyone wanting a new picture for the ID Cards should let him know. A short discussion followed.**

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

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone of the Hamfest on October 13th. He said he did get a E-Mail from Alan Carpenter, W8OP, about checking QSL Cards. Alan is planning on being at the Hafest. After the Pipeline class was over some of those at the class picked up additional prizes and hats to take to the Hamfest as door prizes. We have new baskets to put the door prizes in. A lengthy discussion followed.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the BINGO games at Volcano Days. He just needs to send a report to the State Tax Department and a check to the Mountwood Park Volcano Days Committee.**



**There was a report on the Cross Country races held just prior to today's meeting. There was reminder of the Cross Country High School/Middle School races that will be held on Tuesday, October 9th and Thursday, October 18th.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the officials of the West Virginia Interstate Fair & Exposition called about having WCEC come back to the fair to operate the BINGO games. There was a lengthy discussion on what we would need to have before we would think about operating the BINGO at the fair. The officials will be calling within a couple days of this meeting.**

**Ken WA8LLM, gave a short report on the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub Special Event Station that was held on Saturday of Volcano Days.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that Kim Snider called and would like to that have one of our 24 by 40 canopies for the Hospice Memorial on October 21st.**

**Ken WA8LLM, gave a report on the donation that he received from Heck Heckart at Volcano Days.**

**Bill, N8JXO, said the Presidential National Alert Test has been postponed until October 3rd at 2:18 pm.**

**Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.**

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

**Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,**