



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of September 4, 2018

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 17 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 7, 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is working just fine. He said that he took the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver to Quincy Hill for the Half Marathon. He and Bill, N8JXO, installed a couple mast pipes with J Pole antennas on the outside of the fence surrounding the transmitter buildings. The Remote Receiver was placed in an ammo box and chained to the fence. The Remote Receiver was used to make sure there was good receiver coverage for Hand Held radios on race course and to start the Racing Clocks. To make sure the Remote Receiver had enough power through the whole race Bill connected the Remote Receiver to his truck. In the process of connecting external power, he came up with an idea on how to extend 12 volt power using regular extension cords. At the meeting Ken had a Show-N-Tell of the devices that he built from Bill's idea. After the Half Marathon, the Remote Receiver was placed back on Laurel Creek. A lengthy discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still hasn't heard back about any of the Donation letters that he has sent out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites are up to date.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is a roof leak on the Communications Trailer. It is still usable in any events where it is needed. Batteries still need to be installed in the trailer.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he keyed up Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater so it is still operational.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been talking to the guys in Jackson County about their two new repeaters that are being installed. The 444.150 MHz repeater that was going to be installed in Jackson County won't be installed there since one of the two new Jackson County repeaters will be a UHF repeater. A short discussion followed.

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 / www.wc8ec.com websites. Bill, N8JXO brought a copy of the new ARES Strategic Plan which explains what changes are going to happen with the ARES Program, and what it will take to be registered in the program. Ken, WA8LLM, has E-Mailed a copy of the ARES Strategic Plan to all ARES registered members. A lengthy 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, 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 / 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 need to be printed up. 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.

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. Ken explained what the tower will be used for.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to 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.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that nothing has still been done about the changing of the Public Safety frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, sent a list of door prizes to Bill, N8JXO to put on the website. Terry, KC8TUE, also has several door prizes that's not on the list. He is still receiving items in the mail. Anyone who can pick up more door prizes is encouraged to do so. Ken said he still hasn't heard anything back from Alan Carpenter, W8OP, about checking QSL Cards.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He has sent a report to the State Tax Department, and a 15% check to the Homecoming committee. Ken said that six of the concrete overshoes that are used with the canopy walked off. He needs to make six more before Homecoming next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He was very satisfied with the race. He said that five out of the twelve race clocks started by remote control. The race officials were also very satisfied. Ken explained problems that he caused with the clocks, and it took three days to correct the problems to get them ready for the race. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder Volcano Days BINGO will be held September 28th, 29th, and 30th, at Mountwood Park. Kendale, KD8QAK, suggested that we hold a 50/50 drawing at the festival. We are going to give it a try. Setup will be on Thursday around 5:00 pm. Ken, WA8LLM, will start pulling trailers to the park on Tuesday.

The Chic-Fil-A High School/Middle School Cross Country foot races will be held on Saturday, September 8th. There will be eight races. The first race will start at 9:00 am. We need to be on location by 8:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be holding a Special Event Station at Volcano Days. The station will operate from about 8:00 am to about 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that during the Parkersburg Homecoming, two of the Board of Directors from the West Virginia Interstate Fair & Exposition ask if WCEC would consider operating the BINGO games at the fair. Ken received a



telephone call to talk about it. The group had a lengthy discussion about operating the games. Those at the meeting came up with several requests before we would consider operating the games. Considerations such as having a building, tables, chairs, and a minimum amount of money that would be made. Ken is supposed to contact the fair board to let them know our concerns.

There was a reminder that the Pipeline Class that will be held on September 11th. Anyone attending the class should pick up all of the pass outs that are given away. Whatever you don't want to keep can be given away as door prizes at the Hamfest.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Alan Currence N8POB Unit 290