



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of April 2, 2019

The monthly Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 5, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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 Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay. He still doesn't know if the Wirt County Remote Receiver is working. He said that he is going to put together another DAREN (Digital Amateur Radio "Emergency Network) NODE/PBBS station for Wirt County, which is at the same tower location. When he goes out to replace it, he will check on the Remote Receiver. He said that when the first High Windstorm went through the area, the Wirt County DAREN station went off the air. He's not for sure, but it may have damaged the antennas for the packet station and the Remote Receiver. He is building power supplies, some of which will be used four packet stations. He's going to replace the packet stations at Wirt County, Wetzel County, Jackson County, and Roane County. He has several Motorola transceivers already programmed that he is going to use with the packet stations.

Terry, KC8TUE, said hasn't heard anything about the donation letters that he has mailed out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites were up to date.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he went to make sure the ropes were tight on the canopy, covering the Communications Trailer, he checked to make sure it was still dry inside. As soon as the weather get warmer, he will start removing the Air Conditioner on top of the trailer and patch the hole and make sure the roof is sealed. It should be done before Field Day.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he has been trying to bring up the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater, but it is still off the air. There was a lengthy discussion about what may be done with the repeater.



The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, and Bill, N8JXO, talked about what might be done with the equipment and how it may be used in conjunction with the new HSMM (High Speed Multi Mode) system they are planning to create. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may not put the CW Practice Transmitter back on the air for a while, if ever. At the present time he is using the 4 Bay antenna on the top of his 90-foot tower for a backup DAREN Packet station for Wood County.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new ARRL reporting system that was supposed to go in operation in January is on hold due to some technical problems. Ken reminded everyone to keep their ARES Forms up to date. The ARES Forms are also available at the sign-in table and are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is registered, and has registered Dot, KC8HAI, with the CORES program on the FCC website. He is still trying to figure out how to upgrade, or make changes on any FCC licenses. When he figures it out he will work on the rest of the members licenses, that he has passwords for.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, should try to complete them. The courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites. Those courses need to be completed as a prerequisite for some other courses that the members might want to take.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep activities hours up-to-date and turn them in to either himself or Terry, KC8TUE. Ken said that he needs to print up some more forms. He will have them at next month's meeting.

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

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Chicken Dinner held on March 30th. She said there wasn't as many customers as she would like to have had shown up. There was a lengthy discussion on what might be done to make future dinners a success. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he deposited the donation check from Krogers. He's also trying to register a Kroger Card, so he can write up a procedure and put it on new fliers he wants to get printed up. He suggested that everyone have their friends and relatives, who haven't registered their Kroger Cards go to the Kroger website, and try to register their discount cards. A short discussion followed.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Newbridge system. Terry, KC8TUE, said that when he had talked to Rick, he said that everything was as up to date as it can be for the membership information he has.



The application for WV Surplus application is on hold for a while.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was up near the site where we have plans to install the old Tyler County tower. He didn't have time to go all the way up and look over the site. The weather is getting better, so he will try to check it out. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, gave a report on the changing of the Public Safety frequencies. He said the first system being changed is the Wood County Fire band. They have stumbled onto some problems and they are trying to work them out. There won't be any other changes until all of the other problems have been worked out. In the meantime we need to re-program our Public Safety radios for the new frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who purchases anything from Amazon, they should do it through: smile.amazon.com WCEC will receive a donation of .5% of all purchases that are eligible.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Duane, N8LDM, sent him a list of the locations that he would like to have communicators for the Challenge at Mountain, Mountain Bike Race. The race will be held on Sunday, April 7th, and start at 12:00 noon. Radio operators should be at Mountwood Park by 9:00 am to get instructions and get on their locations. Some of the locations have GPS coordinates and bright green ribbons. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Vienna Fun Run will be April 27th. Ken said that he still needs help with the race. Since Hardees in Vienna has shut down, those who want to have breakfast before the race will have to find somewhere else to eat. We can still meet at the Hardees Parking lot, since it is near the race route.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been collecting door prizes for the Hamfest. He suggested that everyone should start getting prizes also. The Hamfest will be held October 12th at the 4-H Campgrounds, in Minerals Wells. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder the Athens Hamfest will be held on Sunday, April 28th, and the Jackson County Hamfest will be held on Sunday, May 5th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications) class held on April 13th and 14th. Registration deadline for the class is April 8th. Ken will send out an E-mail reminder of the information needed to register.

Gary, KC8ZZS, with Marietta Collage, and Don, N8NUS, at Marietta Memorial Hospital are still putting together an Amateur Radio Club. A short discussion followed.



NEW BUSINESS

The Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be held at 8:00am on June 8th.

There will be a One Day Technician Class Radio class at the Marietta Memorial Hospital. The class will be held on May 4th.

There was a discussion that since there is testing available every month before the WCEC Business, that we should drop every other month VE testing at the Library. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to drop every other month testing at the Library, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

Gary, KC8ZZS, said the ARC of the Mid-Ohio will be moving to another location about 20th Street and Dudley Ave. By helping with the move and computer wiring, there is a chance we may be able to hold our meetings at that location. A short discussion followed.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F