



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of July 2, 2019

The monthly Business 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 June 4, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, 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 Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay. He said that he had one minor problem and that was the repeater lost its memory and needed to be reprogrammed. He said that he is still missing one code. After nine minutes the repeater is supposed to identify, but all it sends out is a single touch tone.

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 is up to date. Bill said the hosting of the website is coming due. He would keep us posted.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer wasn't taken to Field Day. He said that he still needs to get the air conditioner off the top. He said the canopy is tied to the wheels and it would just take too much time to take it off, pull the trailer to the Field Day site, and put the canopy back on. Since all of the operating positions were going to be under the big canopy Cathy, KC8DJJ, won't be using her trailer for operation and we could use her it to store the Field Day equipment in.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to being busy for Field day he hasn't had time to get to Mountwood and the 443.175 MHz repeater and bring it off the hill.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said he was going to remove the FCC Database from the Agenda. He said that it looks like the FCC ULS may stay in operation. If anyone wants their passwords 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 should try to complete them. The courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep activities hours up-to-date and turn them in to either himself or Terry, KC8TUE. The membership hour forms are on the registration table. There were 386 hours for Field Day on the June ARES Report that went the Section Emergency Coordinator.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there hasn't been any fund-raising activities scheduled yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said at the June meeting we should be getting a donation from Kroger. After he got home from the June meeting, has had an E-Mail from Kroger saying that check for \$62.77 would be coming. Ken got the check and deposited it in the regular checking account. Ken wanted to remind everyone to have their friends and relatives, try and register their Kroger Card. The groups number is HL113. Ken still needs to get one card registered so he can print up new fliers

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no Everbridge system report.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said he didn't get to talk to Mark Hendershot about trying to locate a spot to install the old Tyler County tower. Mark was busy mowing grass and working on the driveway to get them ready for Field Day. While at Field Day Ken and a couple others went looking for a good location that would be out of the way. They marked a location that might work. He is hoping that when the tower is up 100 feet to put a wind turbine on the very top and hope that it will run. The manufacture of the wind turbine suggests the turbine be at least 60 feet. If the turbine works at that height, that should power the tower site. The turbine was only up about 25 feet at Field Day and it only ran one time, and that was on Friday.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the changing of the public safety frequencies. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard any complaints about 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. The last deposit from Amazon was May 5th of \$9.03.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the radios for the Hamfest have been ordered. We just need to call Universal Radio and pay for them. Terry said that we can make a trip to Universal, and pick them up. We will probably pick up some door prize donations while we are up there. Ken said he needs to put together a



flier for the Hamfest. Ken said that everyone should start picking up door prizes. The Hamfest will be October 12th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a very lengthy Field Day report. Since the operating positions was a new layout, we had a few problems and contacts were down some from previous years. It was a learning experience. A discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't get back with Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, about the old Tyler County repeater. He will get back with Tom to see what we can do about the repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chick-Fil-A Road Run. We learned that new TYT TH-7800 wouldn't pass Touch Tone, which now has now been corrected. Even though it wouldn't pass a whole Touch Tone enough of the tone got through to start some of race clocks. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Sam Vincent about the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races will be held on September 7th. Sam will get back with Ken on the other Cross County races to be held in September and October. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Fred, WR3A, had an Alinco DR-135 for sale. Fred won the radio at the 2018 Charleston Hamfest, and it had never been out of the box. Fred was asking \$100. Ken purchased the radio for the group with petty cash that had not been deposited yet. The DR-135 is the same radio that is being used for the transmitter on the 147.255 MHz repeater. It is also the same radio that is being used as the receiver/transmitter combo on the repeater Remote Receivers.

There was a reminder the August meeting will be a meeting and covered dish picnic. The picnic will start at about 6:00 pm followed by a short business meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, was ask by the Justin Elliott, AC8LZ, Commander of the Marietta Commandery No. 50, to do a presentation on Wood County Emergency Communications, and some on Amateur Radio. He said there would be a \$100 donation to the group. The presentation will be on Thursday, July 4th, at the Commandery Lodge in Marietta.

The BINGO License for the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Day has been ordered. They should be back in a couple weeks. There will be no Fire Works at the homecoming which may hurt the BINGO attendance on Saturday evening. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan, N8POB. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Alan Currence, N8POB/Unit 290, Matt Doyle KC8FSI