



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of March 5, 2019

The monthly Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. Due to the very cold snowy weather there were only 9 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 5, 2019, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater is working okay, but he's not for sure if the Wirt County Remote Receiver is working. He said the Wirt County DAREN (Digital Amateur Radio "Emergency Network) NODE/PBBS is off the air, and it's at the same location as the remote receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said hasn't heard anything back about any of the donation letters that he has mailed out. He is going to start working on them again in the near future.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still covered with the canopy, but some of the ropes have worked loose due to the high winds that we have been having. He will tie them back when he stores some of the racing clocks in it in a couple days.

The Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater is still off the air. Ken, WA8LLM, said he will try to get to the site and check on it.

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

The CW Practice Transmitter is still on hold for a while due to other projects.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the ARRL has done an update to the ARES Strategic Plan with



some changes, but the new reporting system is still not in operation. Ken reminded everyone to keep their ARES Forms were up-to-date. The ARES Forms were available at the sign-in table and are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has registered with CORES on the FCC website, and may have to do the same thing for the rest of those who he has passwords. Once he figures out how to work with CORES, he well let everyone else know. A short discussion followed.

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. There are other courses that pertain to communications that can be taken.

There was a reminder to keep your Amateur Radio activity hours up to date. They can be given to either Ken, WA8LLM, or Terry, KC8TUE.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she has not received any requests for unit number changes.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she has a few more things to pick up to get ready for the chicken dinner to be held on March 30th at the Lubeck Civic Center, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The price of the dinner is \$8.00.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger discount card. When he tried to resister a new card for Anna, KC8JWW, he found there is some changes, and more information, that he needs to do it. He won't be able to make up new fliers until he can successfully register a new card. He needs to place the registration procedure on the flies.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge reporting system for the WCEC group is as up-to-date as to the information that he has for the members.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has still been done about getting a location for the old Tyler County tower at the Field Day site. A short discussion followed.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, he couldn't give a report on the changing of the Public Safety frequencies. Ken, WA8LLM, had talked to Matt, and he said the changing of the frequencies was to take place in March or the first of April.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a direct deposit of \$10.11 on February 15th in the regular checking account. The deposit came from Amazon Smile. It might not have been a lot, but it was money we didn't have. Ken 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 he has completed re-building all 12 of the racing clocks. He brought three of them to the meeting to show how they work and can be started by radio. Some of the clocks will be used at the first race which will be held on April 27th at the Vienna Fun Run.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician class that was held on February 9th. Ken said there was 13 people who took the class and 10 of them passed their test and have already received their licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Duane, N8LDM, about the Challenge at Mountain, Mountain Bike Race. He said the race organizers would like to have communications help with the race. He said there are some changes of locations, but he would try to get them located by GPS and ribbons. The bike race will be held on April 7th at Mountwood Park. The race starts at 12:00 noon. Ken said that he will need as many radio operators as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Vienna Fun Run will be April 27th. Ken said that he still needs help with the race.

Ken, WA8LLM, went to the Courthouse and paid the \$200 for the building for the Hamfest which will be held on October 12th at the 4-H Camp Grounds, in Minerals Wells. The Hamfest has been registered as an ARRL Hamfest.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be an AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications) class held on April 13th and 14th. If you would like to take the class you need to have at least a Technician Class Amateur License, and have taken NIMS Courses: 100, 200, 700, and 800. You will also need to register for the class. Ken will forward the class information again in a couple days. The deadline to register is April 5th. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has completed the groups 501c3 Tax Report with the IRS.

Ken, WA8LLM, has renewed the groups business license with the WV State Tax Department.

Gary, KC8ZZS, with Marietta Collage, said he is trying to put together an Amateur Radio Club along with Don, N8NUS, at Marietta Memorial Hospital. It's all in the talking stages.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there is a National Weather Service SKYWARN class on April 1st at the 911 Center. You need to register for the class.

Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Scooby Sawyer AK9-DOG, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277