



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of May 7, 2019

The monthly Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 12 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 2, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. 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 Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was afraid that when the first hard windstorm went through the area that it may have damaged one, or both of the antennas at the Wirt County tower site. When he went to the site to check on the DAREN Packet station that was off the air, he found both of the antennas were okay, and he checked out the repeater Remote Receiver, which was working fine.

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, even though Ken, WA8LLM, was a little late getting him the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the trailer is still covered with the canopy and that it dry inside. He is hoping the weather will stay dry long enough to get the air conditioner off the top and get the roof patched and sealed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater is still off the air. He and Terry, KC8TUE, have been talking about taking the repeater off the hill, and making a portable repeater out of it, to be used for field activities such as road runs and cross-country races.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new ARRL reporting system is still not in operation. Ken reminded everyone they should still keep their ARES information up-to-date. A short discussion followed



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't got back into getting every ones licenses registered in the FCC CORES program. There are at least two licenses that need to be renewed next month, so he needs to figure out how to do it.

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 perquisite 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 he forgot to bring the forms with him. He will try to remember to bring them to next month's meeting.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that no one has requested any unit number changes.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a fund-raising report. She has nothing scheduled yet. She has a telephone number and is going to contact the National Guard Armory to see how much it will cost to rent that building for some kind of breakfast. She's also thinking about having some kind of show-n-tell at the Parkersburg City Park. She said nothing is set in stone.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded 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.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up to date as it can be for the information that he has.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if the weather stays dry, he will go to the Field Day site and look for a good location to install the old Tyler County tower. He still needs to talk to Mark Hendershot about a location. Ken said that he is building a crank-up tower for his wind generator. He is wanting to see how wind power will work for Field Day. If it works good enough, he said we might be able to power up the tower site by wind and solar power. The tower site can be used for anything such as back-up transmitters for the local repeaters, packet stations and the High-Speed Multimode system that is in the planning stage.

Matt, KD8WHN, was not at the meeting, but he and Ken, WA8LLM, have been talking about the changing of the public safety frequencies and the problems they are running into. He was told the county fire frequencies will be changing over to the new frequencies at the same time as our meeting. Maybe we will get a report next month. A short discussion followed.

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. We should be receiving a donation around the 15th of May.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountainwood, Mountain Bike Race. There were a few minor communications problems, but we worked around them and was just able to cover all the locations the race officials wanted covered.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Vienna Fun Run. We had a communications problem, but we had a backup plan. We used Don Williams, N8NUS repeater which operates on 146.745 MHz. We think we know what the problem was, and are working around it. The Portable Remote Receiver worked for the starting of the race clocks. The race officials went around the racecourse before the race started, and they were very satisfied since we had also put out signs so the runners and walkers would know which way to go. Last year some of the walkers went the wrong direction. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been collecting door prizes for the Hamfest. Ken said that he has ordered five dual band Handheld Radios that will be given away every half hour at the Hamfest. We still have two main prize radios. Ken said that we have some door prizes including several hats. We still need to order the second and third place prizes. The Hamfest will be held October 12th at the 4-H Campgrounds, in Minerals Wells. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications) class that was held on April 13th and 14th. There were ten students in the class. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs help on the Chic-Fil-A Road which will be held on June 8th. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician Class Radio class at the Marietta Memorial Hospital, on may 4th. He said there were nine students in the class and seven of them passed their test and will be getting their licenses. Don, N8NUS, had printed off some extra copies of the question pools which can be used for future classes.

Gary, who used to be KC8ZZS, is now W8GBB, is still working on a new club in the Marietta area. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Eastwood VFD called for the use of one of the 24 by 40 canopies for their Ice Cream Social on June 1st.



Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick, WV8DOCarb, KD8SQY.
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson
N8JXO/Unit 283, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285,
Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Rick Sawyer
WV8DOC/Unit 262, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit
263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279