



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of August 6, 2019

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 13 members and guests present.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay except for the programming the ID Code after ten minutes.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he 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 are up-to-date except for a list of the door prizes that are for the Hamfest and any changes that are being made in the drawing times etc. Ken WA8LLM said that he needs to send Bill a copy of the Hamfest Flier to put on the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has removed the Air Conditioner from the roof top, and placed a piece of Plexiglas over the hole. He has also patched several tears in the rubber roof covering. He has painted the roof with two coating of roof paint. He thinks that should take care of all of the holes causing the leaks. He said the operating radios need to be reinstalled, and new batteries installed. Ken said that while the trailer was parked at the Homecoming, someone stole the license of off it. He went to the Department of Motor Vehicles and got a new replacement license. He will only put the license on the trailer when it is being transported. Ken is also debating about putting solar panels on the roof.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he made a trip to the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater. When he checked on the repeater, he found that it had been turned



off. He went ahead and removed the repeater and antenna from the site. When he got it home he put a dummy load on the repeater and talked between two walkie/talkies. He is planning on installing the system at his house where he can keep an eye on it. It will also be easier access to use as a portable repeater.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their ARES registration up-to-date. The ARES forms can be found on the website. He gave a report on the ARES program at the WV ARRL State Convention at Jackson Mills on August 24th.

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. Kendale, KD8QAK, said that he has finished his IS-100 course.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their activities hours up-to-date and turn them in to either himself or Terry, KC8TUE.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives, try and register their Kroger Card. The group's number is HL113.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be for the information that he has. If anyone has something they think the whole group should know, they can give it to Rick, and he can put it on Everbridge. Rick said that if he can remember, he will put a meeting reminder out each month. A short discussion about Rained Out, and other alerting systems followed.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he located where he would like to install the old Tyler County tower. He just needs to talk to Mark Hendershot to see if that spot would be okay. Ken thinks that the tower will be high enough that a wind generator will help to keep batteries charged for the equipment at the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, about the old Tyler County repeater. Tom said there needs to be some paperwork signed to turn the Tyler County repeater, and other assets over to WCEC. Don, N8NUS, said the



repeater is still attached on a pallet, but can be loaded onto a trailer or pick-up truck. Bill, N8JXO, said that he would be willing to transport the repeater back to Parkersburg.

A short discussion followed.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report about the changing of the county fire frequencies. A short discussion followed about a new tower being built by the county.

There was a reminder that 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 without increasing the cost of their merchandise.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the trip to Columbus to pick up the main prizes and some door prizes for the Hamfest being held on October 12th. Terry said that other door prizes are still arriving. Terry said he sent out at least 40 E-Mail asking for donations. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone of the pipeline class to be held on September 10th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Homecoming and the BINGO games. The funds were down from previous years. There were no games played on Sunday.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be operating a Special Event Station at Volcano Days on Saturday, September 28th, from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races to be held on September 7th. The 24 by 40 canopy will be set up on Thursday, September 5th at about 1:00 PM.

Mineral Wells VFD hasn't asked for a canopy for their pig roast yet. Their pig roast will be held the week after the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races.



There was a reminder the Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 27th, 28th, and 29th. Set up of the canopy, tables, and chairs will be at about 5:00 PM on Thursday September 26th.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,