



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of August 4, 2020

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 9 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 7, 2020, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried. Additional copy of the minutes were available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, and seconded by Roger, KD8LCM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has eleven, UHF Yagi Antennas built, tested, and tuned for the additional remote receivers as soon as he gets the Motorola M1225 transceiver that will be used as a scanning link receiver wired into the repeater transmitter and controller. The additional remote receivers need to be put together. The remote receivers can be placed at 20 locations. Ken said that he is working with Earl, KB8HRG, on a circuit that will be placed in each of the remote receivers. The circuit will check the noise level and determine if the link transmitter should transmit its signal. With the new system, everyone will need to get used to waiting a second or two before talking, after they key their radio. That delay will allow the noise detector time to make a decision on whether the link transmitter should be allowed to transmit. Roger, KE8LCM, said that he has his AllStar internet system connected to the repeater on a permanent basis. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com are still in operation, and it up-to-date. He said he forgot to bring the bill for the domain names.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Communications Trailer. He said that he is going to get some FlexSteel sealer to help patch where he thinks there is a small leak that's allowing a little water to sneak in. As soon as he can find some time he wants to install the solar panels on the roof, and also install the batteries, and get them on charge.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't checked on the 443.175 MHz repeater lately. He said that as soon as a building is built, batteries are install, and solar and wind power is provided, the repeater will be moved to the Hendershot Farm Drive tower.

The 900 MHz equipment from Jackson County is still on hold.



Ken, WA8LLM, wants to remind everyone to keep their ARES Registration up-to-date. The ARES forms can be found on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone, who hasn't already done so, they should try to complete the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. The courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone to keep their membership hours up-to-date.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no fund raising events scheduled, or planned yet. She did turn in another donation check from the sale of the Rada Knives. Roger, KE8LCM, said his wife had an idea of holding a drive-thru type dinner. A short discussion followed, but no decision was made.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Discount card, and associate it with Wood County Emergency Communications on the Kroger.Com website under the Community Section.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done with the West Virginia surplus application.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a couple weeks ago he and Kendale, KD8QAK, installed a solar panel and battery on the Hendershot Farm tower. The panel is at about 50. The solar panel and battery are used to power the node for the HSMM (High Sped Multi Media) system). The system seems to be working fine. A short discussion followed about the use of the tower.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, and he is no longer at the Eastwood VFD, it was decided to drop any further discussion about the changing of the Wood County Fire frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone who orders anything from Amazon to do it through Smile.Amazon.com and associate their account to contribute to Wood County Emergency Communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the Wood County Court House on the way to the meeting. He talked to the 4-H Officials about the Hamfest. He was told if the Hamfest has to be canceled, that we can either get the rent money, for the building, back, or it can be held over for next year. As of right now the Hamfest is still on for October. Ken has never received a confirmation from the ARRL about it



being a a ARRL sanction Hamfest. There will be decision at the September 1st, business meeting, as to whether to cancel the Hamfest or not. We still need to gather door prizes. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he did submit an electronic filing of the Field Day report to the ARRL. Ken read the report, and gave the number of points and contacts. Ken said that he will still put together a paper report for our own records. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) system that he and a few other Amateurs are working on. He said that Joe, N8MEV, installed a 30 foot tower at his house. He and Ken installed an HSMM node on the top of the tower, but they couldn't make a path to anything. A week later Joe and Ken installed a node up about 60 feet on the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub, 147.397 MHz voice repeater tower, but they still couldn't see any other nodes. Ken still needs to talk to Rick Woodyard at Emergency Services about placing a node station on the Wood County Fir Tower on Red Hill. Ken feels that at about 60 feet there should be a path to Ken's node and Joes node. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Don, N8NUS, gave a report of a Amateur Radio net that is being held at 7:00 pm, on Sundays, on the 146.745 MHz repeater.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, is wanting to hold a Technician Class radio class. She has received several requests for a class. No date has been set at the present time, but it may be held in September. Bill, N8JXO, is going to check to see if the Health Department conference room will be available

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jeff Bevins KE8GUC, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375,