



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

### **Minutes of March 3, 2020**

Prior to the start of the meeting Roger Radcliff, KE8LCM, took, and passed, his upgrade to General Class License.

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 15 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 4, 2020 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, 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 Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't done anything to the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater seems to be working okay.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com). are as up to date as they can be. Bill, N8JXO, said he forgot to bring the bill for the domain names to the meeting this month. He was informed the money is still available to pay it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting down at the bottom of his driveway. Ken wanted to check to make sure there is no leaks in the roof. Ken said he still wants to install the Solar Panels, which are being stored in the trailer on the roof. He still needs to get batteries to install in the trailer. A short discussion about the radios that need to be reinstalled in the trailer followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he got a report the 443.175 MHz repeater is working, but it doesn't have the coverage he would like. There are places in town the repeater works okay, and there are places it doesn't. Ken thinks the problem may be the coaxial antennas aren't working very good, even



though they are on the top of the 84 foot tower. Roger, KE8LCM, is wanting to use the repeater for his AllStar system. The AllStar system will allow anyone who can talk through the repeater to connect to any other repeaters, that are on AllStar system, any where in the world.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to do some experimenting with the radios and move their frequencies into the 900 MHz band. That will happen when he gets some free time.

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](http://www.wc8ec.org) website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone, who haven't already done it, to 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](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) websites. The Public Safety officials would like to have any communications personnel who works with them have completed the courses. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, also wanted to remind everyone to keep track of their membership hours and turn them into him each month, or at least keep a record of them in case we need them when we apply for a grant. A class on the operations of the portable telephone system is being scheduled for March 14th. A lengthy discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no fund-raising events scheduled yet. Ken, WA8LLM, explained how the money from the BINGO games was transferred from the BINGO checking account to the regular account and then the money from the January BINGO games was re-deposited in the BINGO account.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the 911 Everbridge system. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to thank Rick, WV8DOC, for sending out the Silent Key announcement of Dot, KC8HAI. Ken said that he received the Everbridge announcement at least 5 ways. Rick said that if anyone wants to have a way of being contacted by the Everbridge system to let him know. You can be contacted by house phone, cell phone, text messaging, E-Mail and maybe other ways. A short discussion followed.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he found the West Virginia surplus application. He said he still hasn't done anything with it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get three more sections of tower installed on the Hendershot Farm tower. The weather is going to have to be better before that happens. Ken needs to contact Joe, N8MEV, to see how the new Gin Pole is coming along.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was contacted by Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, the Tyler County Emergency Services Director about the old Tyler County VHF Repeater, and a donation check. Ken said he made a trip to Tyler County on Friday, February 28th, and picked up the Repeater/with the Duplexers, the old Tyler County DAREN station of MIDBWV/TYLEWV, and the donation check. Ken said that he deposited the check in the regular account before coming to the meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that from talking to some of the Sheriff's Deputies, it looks like the Sheriff Department may not change their frequencies at this time. Ken, WA8LLM, said that from talking to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director, the new Fire Band radio system is a lot more complicated than it used to be. Ken said that he needs to find out more about it. There was a discussion about the loss of some of the 911 telephone circuits.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded all of the members to have their friends and relatives that order anything from Amazon to do it through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and set up charitable contribution to Wood County Emergency Communications. A donation check from Amazon was deposited in the regular checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives try to register their Kroger discount cards. Ken said there should be another donation check from Kroger coming by the end of March, or the first of April.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest will be held on October 10th. Everyone should start getting door prizes donated. Ken wasn't sure if he had contacted the ARRL about the Hamfest or not. He will check on that before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race will be held on April 5th. Ken said that when he went to the last Wood County



LEPC meeting he talked to Duane, N8LDM. Duane said the race officials want the Amateur Radio operators to provide the lookout and safety communications for the race. A short discussion followed.

There still hasn't been a request for communications for the Vienna Fun Run which will be held on April 18th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Chic-Fil-A Road Run which will be held on June 13th. The race officials have not contacted us about needing communications for the race yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 15th. Ken has been attending the Half Marathon committee meetings.

There was some questions asked if there is any Technician Class radio classes scheduled. Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing is scheduled at this time, but he does have a couple people who would like to take a class.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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## **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Eddie Allan KE8HEG/Unit 269, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM, Nick Adams KE8GCN