

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 4, 2023

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. Due to it being a holiday, the meeting attendance was low with only 10 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 6, 2023, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, and seconded by George, KE8CAF. Motion carried. There were extra copies of the June minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said nothing has been done with the repeater this past month. He said the tower at Bill, KE8GGV's, location on Blennerhassett Heights has been completed, and there will be a Remote Receiver installed there. This coming Saturday Ken is planning to switch out the two 25 Watt Solar panels for one 100 Watt panel at the City View Tanks site. He will also upgrade the batteries so that he can install a Remote Receiver at that site. Ken is also planning to install a Remote Receiver at the Summit Tower site in Vienna. Other than that the repeater seems to be working just fine..

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still at the site where we hold Field Day. Ken said that he hasn't checked on the roof leak. Ken said there is still some radio equipment in it from last years Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't checked out the 443.175 MHz repeater this month. He assumes it is still working. He is hoping to hang a 440 MHz antenna on the Hendershot Farm Tower to be used for the transmitter when using a split site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 800/900 MHz equipment is still on hold for a little while. He said the Chic-Fill-A Road Run and the Field Day activities has slowed him down on several other projects.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were ARES Registration Forms in the minutes box. He didn't put them out since he wasn't for sure who all was going to be coming to the meeting. Ken said those needing a form can go on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com and get a form.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone if they haven't completed the Federal Emergency Management System NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, and any other NIMS communications courses, they should try to get them completed. A link to the FEMA Training Center is on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. There should be plenty of hours 1st month since we had the Chic-Fil-A Road Run and Field Day activities. Just keep track of any Amateur Radio rated activities.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there are no fund raising activities being planned yet. Ken, WA8LLM, said he has something to bring up under new business.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone if they have friends or relatives who haven't registered their Kroger Card, to ask them to register it, and show

WCEC as the donation recipient. Ken received a check from Kroger and has deposited it in the bank.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing as been done at the Hendershot Farm Tower site. We did tap into the batteries at the tower site with a 1500 Watt inverter to use the solar panels and batteries for the Field Day event.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the AREDN project. Ken said that as soon as they start installing antennas on the Blennerhassett tower a new AREDN node will be installed there.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the basic electronic class is still on hold for awhile, until we can get one scheduled.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting if they want to make a copy of their COVID-19 Vaccination Card, he will put it in their WCEC records.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't heard anything more about the old Waverly School building.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Health Department Emergency Operation Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the communications for the Chic-Fil-A Road Run. We had enough radio operators to cover the race. We didn't use a generator at the finish line this year. We used a big battery and a 300 Watt inverter to power the monitor and computer at the finish line. Ken said that he has been wanting to try that arrangement for some time. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He needs to finish getting the report to the ARRL.

Ken, WA8LLM, said we need to start getting door prizes ready the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest which will be held on October 14th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to order the BINGO licenses for the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days festivals. He will get them ordered before the next meeting. We need to get the sandwich signs made up for Volcano Days, so people will know where we are at.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the GMRS (General Mobile Radio Services) 462.55 MHz repeater. He said that it seems to be working just fine. He has heard there are a couple more repeaters that will be going on the air. Ken wanted to remind everyone about the Peppers Net that is held on the 462.565 MHz repeater at 8:00 pm on the First Sunday of each month. Max Barker, KC8JHI, has started a Mid Ohio Valley General Mobile Radio Service Users Group. His meeting is at the same time as the WCEC meeting. Max may be going to move it to another day, maybe the last Tuesday of the month. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a reminder, there will be an outside Tailgate/Hamfest at Leavitt's Funeral Home in Belpre on September 16th. There will be a drawing for an FT-891 HF Radio.

There was a reminder for the canopy at Mother Earth Foods on Saturday, August 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that we might hold a gun Raffle. All we need to do is print up and sale the tickets. A short discussion followed. It was suggested to hold off any decision until the August meeting.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be holding their Volcano Days Special Event Station at Mountwood Park on September 23rd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

There was a reminder the Annual WCEC Picnic will be held at the August WCEC business meeting.

The Chic-Fil-A High School Cross County races will be held on September 9th. The Mineral Wells VFD Pig Roast will be held on September 9th, and a Free Give Away at the church in Waverly will be held on September 9th, All of these events wants to use the WCEC canopies. A short discussion followed.

George, KE8CAF, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve, KL8T. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, George Orr KE8CAF/Unit 289, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 286, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Joe Thomas N8MEV, Bob Marlow KC8RSJ, Steve Campbell KL8T/Unit 288, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282