



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of April 4, 2021

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 16 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 2, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Alan, N8POB. Motion carried. Additional copies of the minutes were available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Jim, WV8JHF, and seconded by Roger, KE8LCM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz repeater seems to be working okay. Ken is planning to make an all day trip to the repeater site as soon as the weather is good enough to get there. He is planning to spend a lot of the day working on the repeater by putting the repeater back on the new power supply, if it has been installed by Miller Communications. He wants to install the Motorola M-1225 UHF transceiver, as a scanning remote link frequency receiver, on repeater. It will scan up to 20 Link Frequencies. There are a couple Remote Receiver VHF antennas, and UHF Link Transmitter antennas ready to have Remote Receivers installed. One at the water tanks on Broad Street, and the other one at the water tanks at City View Drive. Bill, N8JXO, asked if there was going to be a work party to clean up the grass and brush at the site. Ken is going to go to the Willamstown tower site on Wednesday to see if he can get into the WCEC cabinet and check the antennas, if they are still there. He is hoping to re-install a Remote Receiver using one of the new link frequencies which will be sent to the Motorola M-1225 transceiver



installed on the repeater transmitter.

Bill, N8JXO, said he has received all of the ARES Bulletins and the DAREN News, but hasn't had time to get them placed on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't checked on the inside of the Communications Trailer lately. He has just checked it, as he passes by. Everything looks okay. He is going to stop by the trailer on the way home from the meeting to look for some masking tape.

Roger, KE8LCM, said that he has keyed up the 443.175 MHz. It still seems to be working okay.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 800/900 MHz equipment from Jackson County is still on hold. He said that as soon as he can find a place to order crystals he wants to put the equipment on Amateur frequencies and look at placing the transmitters and receivers on the AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network) network, and tie them to the 2.4 GHz network.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their ARES Registration up-to-date. He said the ARES Applications forms can be found on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone, to try and complete the Federal Emergency Management System NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. All of the courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.



Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership hours up-to-date. If we try for another grant, he may ask for the membership records. There will be an event coming up this weekend that will add a few hours to your records.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there was nothing to report fund raising activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Card, using WCEC as the charitable recipient of the Kroger donations. Ken deposited a check from Kroger in the bank on the way to the meeting. The check was received the day before the meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that he has moved to another location and hasn't set up his radios and computer yet, but as far as he knows the Everbridge system is still up and running.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still standing, Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the tower site getting parts for a canopy to take to the Church Nazarene, he checked out the tower. He said that a tree branch that was in the way of one of the guy wires had broken off, now the guy wire can be re-tightened. There's no damage or danger to the tower. Ken talked about metal buildings that can be found for give away. He also talked about building a block building. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through Smile.Amazon.com. Anyone ordering items from Amazon, he would like for them to associate their account to contribute to Wood County Emergency Communications. The group gets .05% of what is actually spent. It doesn't cost anything, but we get



some of the money that is actually spend.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) AREDN system. It's still up and running. There have been several new stations added to the system. The Broad Street Tanks, City View Tanks, and the Health Department nodes have been updated to Omni Directional antennas. Ken is planning to go to the Williamstown site on Wednesday and install a node at that location. He is hoping the node will be able to connect into the rest of the system. Ken explained some of the projects that will be connected to the AREDN network. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician Class radio class held on Saturday, March 27th, at the Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints in South Parkersburg. There was nine people at the class, but only seven of them passed their tests, and will be receiving their licenses. While at the class, the church officials talked about holding another class for those who didn't make this one.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the two 24 by 40 canopies that were loaned to the Broadway Church of Nazarene for use on Saturday April 3rd. The canopies were put up on Friday evening. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, is asking for help with the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike race which will be held on Sunday, April 11th. Those wanting to help should be at Mountwood Park around 8:00 or 9:00 AM so they can get their assignment and get on location before the race starts at 12 noon. A lengthy discussion followed.



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the Court House and talked to the 4-H officials about the building for the Hamfest which will be held on October 9th. He now has a new contract for the building in hand. The group now needs to start acquiring door prizes to be given out at the Hamfest. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from the Half Marathon officials. He said there will be a meeting held on April 15th at 6:00pm at the big shelter at the Parkersburg City Park. The Half Marathon will be held on August 21st. There was a short explanation of what we do for the race.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the WCEC VE group will be going to Grantsville to do a one day Technician Class radio class, and VE testing on Saturday, April 17th.

Nothing more has been planned on having a basic electronic class. A short discussion followed.

The contact person for the Vienna Fun Run made contact with Ken, WA8LLM. He said there will be no Vienna Fun Run this year. The contact person wanted to know if we are going to be available for the Chic-Fil-A Road run which will be held on June 26, which is on Saturday the same day of the first day of Field Day. Ken also received a Text Message from Chip, the race official, about the Chic-Fil-A Road run. A short explanation of what our job is at the race.

Field Day will be held on June 26th and 27th. The canopy and some of the power equipment and solar panels will start being set up on Monday before Field Day.



From all indications, there will be a Parkersburg Homecoming. No BINGO license will be ordered until about a week before the homecoming.

NEW BUSINESS

After the one day technician class held on March 27th, those setting up the class is planning to hold another class in May.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from E-911, telling him there will be a face-to-face LEPC meeting to be held at the Wood County Emergency Operations Center on April 12th at 12:00 noon. Ken wants to go to the meeting to talk to Don Brown with the Wood County School Board about installing an AREDN node at Parkersburg South High School. Don is also an Amateur Radio operator, callsign of KE8GLJ.

Alan, N8POB, said that he will be going to the Parkersburg Homecoming meeting.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that it may be a good idea to make a copy of your Corona Vaccination Card, and have it on WCEC records.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill



Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Mike Nugent KE8QQO, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jim Foster, WV8JHF/Unit 286, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 290, Lisa Wright N8POC, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375,