



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of August 3, 2021

Before the monthly meeting started, the group enjoyed a great picnic. Ken.WA8LLM, wanted to thank everyone for all the great food.

Ken, WA8LLM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 22 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 1, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Jim, WV8JHF, Motion carried. There was a few additional copies of the July minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Brent, KD8DLX, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater. Ken said the only problem he knows is the controller is not identifying after ten minutes, it just gives a touch-tone burst. He needs to get it re-programmed. Ken says he still needs to find some time to get up to the repeater site and install the Motorola M1225 transceiver that will be used as a 20 channel scanning link receiver. As soon as the scanning receiver is in place we can have remote receivers on Broad Street Hill, City View Drive, and in Williamstown. Other remote receivers are planned. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com Bill said that he needed to change to another network service provider due to problems with the old one. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to send Bill the latest, DAREN News, and ARES Bulletins. He said he would look at the website to see which ones are needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after the Communications Trailer was taken to the Field Day site, it was left at judt and Kendale's house. The trailer is still at Judy and Kendale's house so it can be cleaned out. We decided the trailer won't be taken to the homecoming this year.

Alan, N8POB, said the 443.175 MHz voice repeater is up, and he has tested it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 800/900 MHz equipment from Jackson County is still on hold



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, the group may ask for the membership hour records.

A report on fund raising activities was held off until next month.

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 said he received a check from Kroger which has already been deposited in the checking account.

Rick, WV8DOC, said if there has been no changes on the WCEC Roster, there doesn't need to be any changes on the Everbridge system.

Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still there. Bill, N8JXO, said the concrete pad for the floor of the building is completed. We just need to start laying up block. Ken, WA8LLM, is planning to take one of the two wind generators off of the tower and trying to place the blades on one of his other generators. The two generators that are up there now doesn't seem to be generating any electricity. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through Smile.Amazon.com, and show WCEC as a contribution recipient. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) AREDN system. He said he went to the 4-H Camp Ground to do some testing. From that location, he is able to see the station at Bill, N8JXO's house. Ken has been talking to Jay at Network Associates about installing a node on the tower behind their building. If we can get a tower and station installed at the 4-H camp grounds, and on the tower Network Associates, there should be a path to Bill's station. Since Cathy, KC8DJJ, and Kevin, KC8OXY, are just about across the Little Kanawha Rive from the camp ground, they should also be able to connect into the mesh system. He talked to the grounds keeper about installing a tower down near the area where the cross country races are held. He gave Ken a telephone number of the 4-H president to call. Ken contacted the president of the 4-H, who was very interested, but it needs to be passed by the camp trustees. He told Ken he should come to the next trustee meeting which will be held on August 30th, and present the request. A short discussion followed.



Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest is still in the planning stage. He said that he finally got the Hamfest approved by the ARRL, and the Hamfest is on the ARRL website.

Nothing more has been planned on holding a basic electronic class. We will hold it off until the September meeting.

Alan, N8POB, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming which is still in the planning stages. He said that we will be able to operate the BINGO games at the same location that we have been using, even though there has been a lot of other changes. Alan said there will be a homecoming parade. Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to order a BINGO License. A short discussion followed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a One Day Technician Class radio class to be held on August 14th. The class will be held on Love Hill Road in the area of Hendershot Farm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Mike ???, in St Marys, giving him the dates of all the cross county races to be held this year. The dates are: Chic-Fil-A September 11th, October 5th, 2 races at 5:00pm, October 21st, 2 races at 2:00pm.

The organizer of the arm wrestling activity at the homecoming needs a 24 by 40 canopy.

Help is needed at the Boy Scout operating JOTA, in October. More information will follow.

Lisa, KB8UER, said that Athens will be holding a small trunk-fest on August 22nd. She presented the organization with a donation check from Waste Management for the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he contacted Rick Woodard, about a 10 by 12 Amateur Radio communications room at the new 911 center. Rick said that Amateur Radio is in the plans.

Lisa, KB8UER, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 267, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, David Stevens Jr William Powell KE8idp, Xavier Powell, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 290, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Kenny Cline KB8YAV, Jim Foster WV8JHF/Unit 286, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,