



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of July 6, 2021

Before the monthly meeting started, Bill, N8JXO, wanted to do a presentation of a plaque, and Mike Shock of Wood County Emergency Services/E-991 with a certificate from the Governor of the State of West Virginia, to Ken, WA8LLM, for more than 38 years of service to the community.

Since there was so many Amateurs, and non-Amateurs, at meeting, there was an introduction of all at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, called the meeting to order at about 7:10 pm. There were 27 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 1, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Alan, N8POB, and seconded by Jim, WV8JHF, Motion carried. There was a few additional copies of the June minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Roger, KE8LCM, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater. Ken said the repeater seems to be working okay. He is still planning on a day to go to the repeater site and install the Motorola M-1225 UHF transceiver, as a scanning remote link frequency receiver.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com Bill said the sites were as up to date as he can make them, since Ken, WA8LLM, forgot to send him the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer was taken to the Field Day site, for Field Day. The trailer was mostly being used to store some of the radios and other electronic equipment. Kendale, KD8QAK, suggested the trailer be left there so it can be cleaned up if we use it for the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO games..

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 said that he would like to put the equipment in operation on the AREDN system, as soon as he can figure what frequency to put it on, and find a place to order crystals.



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, we may ask for the membership records. There should be plenty hours in June for reporting in July, because of the races and Field Day.

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

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 an E-Mail from Kroger about a check we should be receiving in a few weeks.

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

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still standing. The week before Field Day, Ken, WA8LLM, and Sammy, N8SVX, installed two wind generators on the tower in hopes they will help keep the batteries charged up for Field Day. At Field Day the generators didn't do what they had hoped. Ken said that while they were at the tower site, he change out the homemade AREDN antenna to a commercial one. The change helped the signals 150 percent. Ken is hoping to install a 24 db parabolic dish toward the PARK97 tower site. He is hoping to get a direct path between to the two sites. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through Smile.Amazon.com. He would like anyone ordering items from Amazon, 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 spent.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) AREDN system. He said that WCEC and the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub tried to make a radio/telephone contact on for Field Day for points, but it didn't happen. Ken explained about the AREDN station located at the Broad Street Water Tanks, and the City View Water tanks. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest is still in the planning stage. He said that he filled out the applications with the ARRL, but hasn't heard anything back from them yet. The Hamfest will be held on



October 9th. Ken called the ARRL about the Hamfest, but they said they have no received any application. Ken will try again in a few days.

Nothing more has been planned on having a basic electronic class. If we get enough people interested, we may hold a five or six week class. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Chic-Fil-A Road run which was held on Saturday, June 26th, before Field Day which started at 2:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave part of a report of Field Day. We got bonus points by having Sheriff Stephens, severed served agencies, the new media, and several other bonus points. The best thing we did was operate all of the radios on solar power, and batteries the whole 24 hours. Earl, KB8HRG, gave a report on the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub Field Day. Earl said their group loaded up the flag pole at Fort Borman Park as a transmit/receive antenna.

Alan, N8POB, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming which is still in the planning stages.

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.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report of the BINGO games at the Flea Market at the auction house on Progress Ridge on June 12th and 13th which was a flop. The BINGO License was ordered but showed up. Ken, WA8LLM, said he did receive a telephone call from the State BINGO about our BINGO license that had been ordered. They said they were running behind schedule, and didn't get them issued until after the games had been played.

There was a reminder the annual WCEC covered dish picnic will be held at the August business meeting. WCEC will provide the meat and drinks.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the use of the two 24 by 40 foot canopies for church picnic that was held on June 6th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while Emergency Services/911 Director, Rick Woodyard, was at Field Day, he asked Ken if WCEC wants to have a communications room at the new 911 Center. Some of the group needs to talk about how much room we need. Ken will get back with Rick about the room.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jim Foster WV8JHF/Unit 286, Randall Lynch WV8RKL, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Trealer ???, Kirk Greenfield KC8JRV WTAP Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 290, Jane Hulce N8MOW, Earl Hulce KB8HRG, Conard Richardson KE8HLU, Phil Richardson, KE8GCL, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris, Brian Harris, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Sheriff Steve Stephens, Mike Shock EMA/E911, Wayne Starcher