



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of November 2, 2021

Ken, WA8LLM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 14 members and guests present. Introductions were held.

A motion to accept the October 5, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Roger, KE8LCM. Motion carried. There were extra copies of the October 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 Roger, KE8LCM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater. Ken said he is working on the Williamstown remote receiver. The new combination unit isn't working as good as he would like. He said that he put a remote receiver at the Broad Street Water Tanks site, but it didn't want to work at all. Ken will be going out to the Dutch Ridge tower site on Wednesday, and install a couple J-Pole antennas on the tower. One of them will be at 40 feet, and one at 60 feet. He will try to install a remote receiver at that location. On Saturday Ken is going to Mountwood tower site and remove the UHF Link Receiver for Rockport since that remote receiver is down. He is going to install the Motorola M-1225 20 channel scanner receiver in its place. Before he can try the Broad Street Tanks remote receiver again, and place a remote receiver on City View Drive Tanks, he will need to install a 100 watt solar panel at each location to provide enough current to run both the AREDN Mesh node, and the remote receivers. Although work is being done on the repeater it is still working good. Ken thinks the four bay antenna used on the Laurel Creek remote receiver may have a problem. Roger, KE8LCM, says he now has Echolink as well as Allstar on the repeater so people can connect to it by phone. A lengthy discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com Bill said the sites are up and running and up to date.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting at her house, but nothing has been done with it. Ken, WA8LLM, said there is still a lot of Field Day equipment stored in the trailer, but it can be used if needed. Ken said the trailer will be used for the Winter Field Day which will be held the last of January, 2022. Before the meeting started Bill, N8JXO, talked about the Health Department acquiring six trailers that will be turned into communication trailers. A short discussion followed,



Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't used the 443.175 MHz voice repeater lately, but he will check it out in a couple days.

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. You should register any equipment that might be needed in an emergency. Just because you register your equipment doesn't mean you are required to use it for someone else unless you want to. It just lets the organization know what equipment might be available.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone, to try and complete the Federal Emergency Management System NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. Ken said if you take any of the courses, and pass them, he would like to have a copy of the certificates, or the link to download the certificate. He wants to have them on file. All of the courses are accessible through the training link on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership hours up-to-date. Any kind of hours that you participate that pertains to Amateur Radio should be reported. You don't need to turn the hours in, just have them available if needed. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no plans for any fund raising activities. Maybe some day we may try to hold a fund raising event.

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.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is still up and working, but hasn't had to use it. Bill, N8JXO, said the State of WV is looking into doing away with Everbridge for their use.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still there. Ken, WA8LLM, said that still needs to pay Bill, N8JXO, who donated the block for the building. Ken said he would pay for concrete pad, and WCEC, would pay to have the pad poured. With the weather starting to turn bad, it will be awhile before the block, for the building, gets laid. A short discussion about the winter 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.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) AREDN system. Ken said that since we were able to get the 50 foot tower at the 4-H Camp Grounds up, and the node on the tower, we were able to have a show-n-tell of the system at the Hamfest. We did have to place a 24 db dish at the



PARK39 tower site to get the 4-H Camp Ground node into the system. Even though the 4-H tower is less than a mile from Bill, N8JXO's house, we are still having trouble getting a good signal path for him to get into the system. We haven't given up yet, there are still plans to get the station upgraded.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest was held on October 9th. A week before the Hamfest was held, Ken received a telephone call telling him the power company was going to have the power off in the area the day of the Hamfest. On Friday night before the Hamfest the setup crew was busy hanging emergency lights in case the power would be off for an extended period of time, which it was. The power went off at 8:00am and came back on at about 3:00pm. The lights helped, and we had no complaints from those who attended the Hamfest. Ken said he plans on putting together a couple strings of construction lights in case something like that happens again. The construction lights can be used at a lot of other activities. Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a financial report on how much money was made from the Hamfest. Ken wanted to thank everyone who helped at the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Nothing more has been planned on holding a basic electronic class. Ken, WA8LLM, said he has received a couple E-Mails from people wanting to attend the class, if it gets held. To hold a class a location needs to be found. Ken is thinking about holding a short class each month before the regular business meeting. It would be about an hour long.

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 on the two cross country races that were held in October. Before the second of the races, which were held on October 21st started, the race official presented him with a donation check for the use of the canopies and other equipment over the cross country season.

William, KE8IDP, gave a report on the Boy Scout operating JOTA, on October 16th. William said he thought it was a success. The feedback he got from some of the parents thought it went good. They are planning to do it again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported he has been working with bank about getting a loan to pay off the two credit cards, which will reduce the payments each month.

Rick, WV8DOC, made motion that we hold a covered dish Christmas Dinner before the business meeting on December 7th at around 6:00pm. WCEC will provide the meat and drinks. Brent, KD8DLX, seconded the motion, Motion carried



Rick WV8DOC, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, illiam Powell KE8IDP, Rystal Powell, Xavier Powell, Tucker Powell, Titus Powell