



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of October 5, 2021

Before the meeting started a few of the members had to provide communications for some High School/Middle School Cross Country Races that were held at 5:00 pm at the 4-H Camp Grounds. The next Cross Country races will be held on Thursday, October 21st, at 2:00 pm.

One person took and passed an Amateur Radio exam before the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 11 members and guests present. Introductions were held.

A motion to accept the September 7, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Cathy, KC8DJJ, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK, Motion carried. There were copies of the September minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Jim, WV8JHF, and seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater. Ken said that he and Sammy, N8SVX, made a trip to the Limestone Remote Receiver site to see why it was off the air. He had received a report from some of the Amateurs in Jackson County. When they got into the building, they found batteries that were in the building that had fallen off their rack and spilled over other items, and the Remote Receiver power supply and battery. The remote receiver/transmitter combination tested okay, but were replaced with a different combination with a new battery and power supply. Ken said that before the snow starts he wants to install the Remote Receivers at the Broad Street Water Tanks and the City View Water Tanks. He said that several people helped install the 50 foot tower at the 4-H Camp Grounds, and he wants to install a Remote Receiver on it shortly. None of the new Remote Receivers will be in operation, on the repeater, until the new UHF Link Frequency Scanning Receiver is installed on the Repeater Transmitter.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com Bill said that he still trying to get things corrected with the new network service provider. Until he can get the new network corrected, and can get some time off work, and other projects completed, he won't be able to get all of the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins back on the web sites. He does have information about the Hamfest on the websites.



Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting at his Judy, N8UFQ's house. He says it still needs to be cleaned up, but hasn't had time to do anything with it. There is still a lot of Field Day equipment in the trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't checked on the 443.175 MHz voice repeater for awhile, but he assumes it's still working. He said the repeater will be moved to the Hendershot Farm tower site as soon as the building gets completed, and batteries installed.

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 requested that any courses that have been taken, that he would like to have a copy of the certificate, or the link to download the certificate.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership hours up-to-date.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no plans for any fund raising activities, except for the Hamfest which will be held on October 9th.

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 that he received a check from Kroger yesterday, and will be depositing it in the bank on Wednesday.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the Everbridge system. But, Bill, N8JXO, said the system is still working. There has been no alerts sent out on it lately.

Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Hendershot Farm tower, and the concrete pad for the building are still there. All we need to do is start getting the blocks laid and the roof on it, and the batteries in it.

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 several Amateurs installed a 50 foot tower at the 4-H Camp Grounds and installed an AREDN node on the tower. He said that he wanted to get it in operation before the Hamfest so that he could have a Snow-N-Tell at the Hamfest. He said the node was able to see the Dutch Ridge tower site, but wasn't a very good signal. He is planning to install a



beam antenna at the 4-H Camp, and point it toward Dutch Ridge. He said that while he and Sammy, N8SVX, were at the Limestone tower site he did some testing on the AREDN system with his portable, and was able to see, and connect, to the Summit 80 foot node. He is planning to install a node when he can at the Limestone tower site. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest will be this coming Saturday, October 9th. He said that he will need help setting up the table and getting the PA system in operation. We will use as many of the 4-H tables that we can so we don't have to unload all of our tables off of the table trailer. Ken gave Bill, N8JXO, a short list of some of door prizes that we have. A lengthy short discussion followed.

Nothing more has been planned on holding a basic electronic class. He said that if there is enough interest we may try to hold an electronic class before the end of the year. If he holds one, he would like to hold it after the Hamfest and before the weather gets bad.

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, said the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country was held on Saturday, September 11th. There was 13 Amateurs that helped with the races. A short discussion followed.

Help is needed at the Boy Scout Camp operating the Boy Scout JOTA (Jamboree On The Air), on October 16th. The operation will start at about 9:00 am, and finish at about 2:00 pm. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after the Chic-Fill-A Cross Country races, several Amateurs helped set up a canopy using both of the 24 by 40 canopies at the Broadway Church of Nazarene for the following day. A donation check was given to the group before the canopy was put up.

NEW BUSINESS

The only new business was a reminder of the Cross County races that will be held on Thursday, October, 21, at 2:00 pm at the 4-H Camp Grounds.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim, WV8JHF. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jim Foster WV8JHF/Unit 286, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369,



William Powell KE8IDP, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,