



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of September 7, 2021

Ken, WA8LLM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 13 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 3, 2021, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Jim, WV8JHF, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO, Motion carried. There were copies of the August minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Kendale, KD8QAK, and seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater. Ken said that Alan, N8POB, had told him the repeater was off the air for a short period of time, and that when it came back up, it was not identifying, it was only giving the Initial ID announcement. Ken said when he got ready to re-program the controller, everything was working fine, even the problem of identifying after ten minutes. He got a report the Limestone Remote Receiver may be off the air. Ken said he will make a trip down to check it out. He would still like to install the scanning link receiver at the transmitting site before the weather gets bad.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com Bill said that after he changed to another network service provider, he needs to do some work to get the www.wc8ec.com site to working. He also said he needs to update the sites for the Hamfest and the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins. A short discussion followed

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after the Communications Trailer is still sitting at Kendale, KD8QAK, and Judy, N8UFQ's house. Nothing has been done with it since Field Day.

Alan, N8POB, said the 443.175 MHz voice repeater is still up and working okay.

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.

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

Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Hendershot Farm tower, and the concrete pad for the building are still there. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to get up the tower and remove one of the 700 watt wind generators. He would like to put the blades on one of his 1700 watt generators. He said that it's not real important until the block building is completed and batteries installed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through Smile.Amazon.com, and show WCEC as a contribution recipient. There was a direct deposit in the checking account from Smile.Amazon.com, this past month.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) AREDN system. Ken said that he installed a node on the tower out back of Network Associates or Route 47. The node is only up about 50 feet. After he installed the node he went to the Wood County 4-H Camp, but wasn't able to see ant signals from Network Associates. Ken said that he was able to see Bill, N8JXO's, station. Ken said that he talked to the grounds keeper about installing a tower down in the bottom land near the river. The grounds keeper couldn't see any problem, but Ken needed to talk to the 4-H Camp president. Ken said the president said that it would be up the camp trustees. He suggested that Ken attend a trustee meeting and present the request. On August 30th, Ken attended a meeting with the trustees, which gave permission to install the tower. Ken wants to install the tower and an AREDN node by October 9th to have a show-n-tell at the Hamfest. Ken is hoping to take about 20 bags of concrete to pour the base and anchors on September 18th. He would like to install the tower and node on the 25th. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest is still in the planning stage. Terry, KC8TUE, has been sending E-Mails to different companies asking for items that will be used as door prizes. Only a couple companies have sent any items, but it's still early. Ken said there are some



door prizes from past Hamfests. Ken said that he ordered 10 U/V 5R walkie/talkies, but only five of them will be given away as door prizes this year. We also have a generator as the main door prize. Ken said that we only have the 1st place prize. He needs to order a 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Bill, N8JXO, has been working on the prize drawing program. He said that he will need help putting the ticket numbers into the system. He would also like to have a large screen TV with HDMI input to show the prize drawing on. Bill suggested that we put extra tickets in a door prizes. A lengthy Hamfest 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 some electronic classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming. We made about \$20 more than the last Homecoming. Ken wanted to thank everyone who helped setup, operate, take everything down, and get the equipment and trailers back home. We received a \$100 donation for a 24 by 40 canopy that was used for the arm wrestling event. All 36 of the BINGO tables have been modified, and an additional 16 concrete overshoes for the canopies have been completed.

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 One Day Technician Class radio class that was held on August 14th. There was 13 people in the class. Ten of them passed their tests, and have received their licenses. One of those who took the test also passed his general license.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country will be held this coming Saturday on September 11th. A short discussion followed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Broadway Church of Nazarene wants the two 24 by 40 canopies on September 12th for an event. Set up will be about 5:00pm, on September 11th, after the Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races.

Don, N8NUS, said that Washington County, Ohio, is starting an emergency communications group. Since none of the Amateurs in Washington County wanted the position of ARES Emergency Coordinator, Don was asked to take for the position, which he accepted. A short discussion followed.

Lisa, KB8UER, announced that a Virtual Pipe Line Class will be on line on September 30th. The class will be held at 10:00am. You need to pre-register for the class.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan, N8POB. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 290, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jim Foster WV8JHF/Unit 286, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Dave Epler KJ4OML,