



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of February 4, 2020

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 12 members and guests present. Introductions were made.

A motion to accept the January 7, 2020 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wanted to thank Matt, N8MDG, for getting the identifier on the 147.255 MHz Repeater corrected so that it sends the CW identifier code after 10 minutes instead of the Touch Tone burst. Ken said that he is still working on a new controller for the repeater. The new controller will be a scanning system as opposed to a system that selects the Remote Receiver with the quietest incoming signal. The repeater will also identify with a Packet Tone Burst instead of CW. The Remote Receivers will also identify with a Packet burst giving it's callsign and location. The Remote Receiver Packet burst will also serve as Courtesy Beep. If a TNC (Terminal Node Controller) is attached to a receiver listening to the repeater, it will let you know which receiver had just been repeated. If a noisy signal gets into one of the Remote Receivers, that receiver won't be scanned. The new scanning system will allow several Remote Receiver to be added to the repeater system without any modifications to the system.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting down at the bottom of his driveway. Ken said that he still hasn't installed the Solar Panels and Batteries.



Ken, WA8LLM, said he got a report the 443.175 MHz repeater wasn't passing audio through it. Ken checked the repeater and it seems to be working okay. Nick, KE8GCN, wants to put an AllStar Internet interface on the repeater. The AllStar system is similar to the EchoLink system. The AllStar system will allow access to other systems throughout the world.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't heard anything more about the new ARRL ARES system that was supposed to go into effect in January 2019. Ken said there will be some activities coming up in April, and we need to keep our ARES registration up-to-date. The ARES forms can be found on the www.wc8ec.org website.

There was a discussion about the NIMS (National Incident Management System). Ken, WA8LLM, just wanted to remind those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, should try to complete them. The courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that membership hours are down right now due to low activities in the winter. Since there will be a couple events in April our membership will start coming up. Ken reminded everyone to keep their activities hours up-to-date and turn them into him

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the BINGO games held at her place of employment on January 31st. The BINGO games were a fund raiser for the Big Red Band Boosters, which her son Colt, KD8UAC, is a member. WCEC will be getting a donation for the use of their tables, chairs, BINGO machine, and PA system. Cathy said she didn't have any other fund raisers scheduled at this time. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a lengthy explanation of how the BINGO license was acquired, the games were played, and how the money was filtered through the WCEC checking accounts.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives try to register their Kroger discount cards.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the Everbridge system. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Rick did use the system to let



the WCEC members know of the passing of Dot, KC8HAI. The system worked very well. If you're not signed up with Everbridge, contact Rick to get signed up. You can get the notifications by house phone, cell phone, Text Messages, and E-Mail.

Ken, said that he hasn't done anything with the West Virginia surplus applications.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had plans to work on the Hendershot Farm Tower last month since there was supposed to be some good weather, but that didn't happen. He said that he did go inspect the tower and guy wires.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that with passing of Dot, KC8HAI, he hasn't had time to make the trip to Tyler County to pick up the old Tyler County Amateur Radio Club equipment, and donation check. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she would be available to make a trip with Ken on Tuesday, February 11th.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the Wood County fire repeater system.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded all of the members to have their friends and relatives that order anything from Amazon to do it through smile.amazon.com and set up charitable contribution to Wood County Emergency Communications. There may be a donation this month. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that on January 8th he paid the rent on the 4-H building for the Hamfest which will be held on October 10th. He said the increase in the rent went from \$200 up to \$280. In the future we will need to talk about staying at the 4-H building.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race will be held on April 5th. We haven't received a request for communications yet.

There hasn't been a request for communications for the Vienna Fun Run which will be held on April 18th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the check for the membership at the Lubeck Civic Center has been mailed.



NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is donating Dot, KC8HAI's, cellphone to WCEC. It has several minutes, left on it. WCEC now has five Tracfone cellphones that can be used with Ken's Portable PBX telephone system. Ken explained how the PXB telephone system can be used during exercises, emergencies, or actual disasters. Ken said that we need to set up the PBX system for training. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Chik-Fil-A Road Run will be June 13th. The Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 15th.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Dave Epler KJ4OML, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Eddie Allan KE8HEG/Unit 269,