



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of January 5, 2021

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 9 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the December 1, 2020, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Roger, KE8LCM. Motion carried. Additional copy of the minutes was available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. He said the system it seems to be working okay. He said the repeater is still operating on the two Rural King batteries and small power supply. He said when the weather gets better he will make a trip to the tower site and connect the repeater to the new high current power supply, if it has been installed, Miller Communications. If he connects it to the new power supply, he will also put the 100 watt amp back on the system.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com are up-to-date. He said that he does need a copy of the September 3, 2019, business meeting minutes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he checked on the Communications Trailer for any leaks, it looks okay. While he was at the trailer, he took the two large batteries, that were being stored int it, out and took them to the house to be put on charge. He did not want to take a chance of them freezing.

Roger, KE8LCM, said that he keyed up the 443.175 MHz repeater the day before the meeting. It seems to be okay. Nothing can be done with it until a new building can be placed at the tower site.

The 900 MHz equipment from Jackson County is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, wants to remind everyone to keep their ARES Registration up to date. The ARES forms can be found on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites. Ken gave some information about what Ohio is doing their ARES program.



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, wanted to remind everyone to keep their membership hours up-to-date. We need to keep our membership hours up so if we ever go for another grant we can use the hours toward the grant. Ken talked about the FCC wanting to start charging \$50 for new, and some modifications to the Amateur licenses. The ARRL has been able to get the charge down to \$35. There was discussion about having to have a Federal Registration Number (FRN) before applying for any new FCC licenses since Social Security Numbers will soon no longer be accepted. Also an E-Mail address will need to be associated with your Amateur License. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone to have their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Card, using WCEC as the charitable recipient of the Kroger donations. He said that a quarterly donation check has arrived and has been deposited in the regular checking account.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report of Everbridge system. Rick said that it is as up to date as possible. Ken, WA8LLM, explained what the Everbridge system is. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done with the West Virginia surplus application, that it is still on hold.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still standing, Ken, WA8LLM, said he had to do some modification to the battery system for the MESH HSMM (High Speed Multimedia) system) at the site. There was a little discussion about putting a building on the site and putting more solar panels on the tower. There was an explanation on what the tower site will be capable of. It was suggested that a metal building be purchased and be put at the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through Smile.Amazon.com. Anyone ordering items from Amazon should associate their account to contribute to Wood County Emergency Communications. The group gets .05% of what is actually spent.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multimedia) system. It is still up, and we have been playing with it. Several nodes have been installed. We are still trying to get a microwave path from Bill, N8JXO's house to get into the system. A lengthy discussion followed.



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NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be brought up.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger, KE8LCM.
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Jim Foster, WV8JHF/Unit 286, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Nick Adams KE8GCN, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,