



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of July 7, 2020

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

A motion to accept the June 2, 2020, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried. Additional copy of the minutes were available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't done anything to the 147.255 MHz repeater. He said that he did hear of one person that wasn't able to get into the repeater Sunday evening. He said that he heard Touch-Tone signals like they were being used to turn off the CTCSS Tone, then he could only hear a couple people. He didn't know the repeater was being turned off for the Simplex Net. Ken said that he would let him know later. Ken said that with Field Day taking up a lot of time for the last few weeks that he hasn't been able to work on the new Remote Receiver voting system and the UHF Link Transmitter UHF Antennas. Now that Field Day is over he can get back to work on some of those projects.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com. are up-to-date. He also said that he forgot to bring the bill for the website domain names.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't put the license plate back on the Communications Trailer even though he did take the trailer to Field Day. Ken said that if anyone saw the U-Tube video that Kendale, KD8QAK, put together, it looks like the trailer was being pulled at high speed and maybe on two wheels a couple times. If you get a chance, look at Kendale's Field Day video on U-Tube. The trailer wasn't used for operation, it was mostly used for storage of a lot of the communications equipment.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is working. He tested it yesterday. He will need to figure how to convert the repeater from 110 volts, to 12 Volts so it can be used on battery power when we get them ready at the new tower site. We may have to use different transmitters and receivers and use them at split sites. Ken still



needs to install a UHF Antenna for the system. A lengthy discussion followed.

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, WA8LLM, reminded everyone, who hasn't already done so, to try and complete the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. 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.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no fund raising events scheduled, or planned yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Discount card, and associate it with Wood County Emergency Communications on the Kroger.Com website under the Community Section. Ken said he received and has deposited a donation check.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be. He wanted to know if there are any new members to the WCEC who wants their contact information added to the system. Rick said that he could send out reminders for the business meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done with the West Virginia surplus application.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Hendershot Farm Tower is completed. It took about 6 and half to 7 hours to do the work. There is one guy wire which has a limb in the way. The limb will need to be removed and the last guy wire secured. Three J-Pole antennas and transmission lines have been installed. He also installed a node for the HSMM (High Sped Multi Media) system. Ken said that during Field Day he connected a battery and power supply to the HSMM system for testing and for show-n-tell. When he gets a chance, he will install a solar panel and battery to keep the station on line as part of the HSMM system. Ken is hoping the new HSMM node will allow a path to Conard, KE8HLU's house, when it get on line. Ken said that even at 95 feet he is looking into a hill in the direction of Conard's house. We still need to build a building to house the radio equipment and batteries. We also need to install solar panels and wind generator.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the changing of the public safety frequencies. Since Matt is no longer



with the Eastwood Fire department he is no longer keeping up the frequency changes.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone who orders anything from Amazon to do it through Smile.Amazon.com and associate their account to contribute to Wood County Emergency Communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still hoping to hold the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest on October 10th. The WCEC members need to start getting donated items together that will be used as door prizes. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He didn't have a complete report, but did give some information. Ken still needs to put the report together and send it to the ARRL. Ken had a antenna setup at the meeting for show-n-tell. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Mmedia) system that he and a few other Amateurs are working on. He said he moved the node at his house from 90 feet up to 110 feet. There are nodes set up at Bill, N8JXO, Joe, N8MEV, and Sammy, N8SVX locations, but paths have not been accomplished yet. Ken needs to talk to Rick Woodyard at Emergency Services about placing a node station on the county fire tower on Red Hill. Ken said that Bill made up some caps for the omni directional antennas for the nodes. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Anna, KC8JWW, gave a report on the free material give away to be held at the church in Waverly, The give away will be held on July 18th starting at 9:00 am. A short discussion followed.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jeff Bevins KE8GUC, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282