



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of June 2, 2020

Before the meeting started one person came up from Kentucky to take, and pass his Extra Class license test.

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 11 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 5, 2020, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick WV8DOC, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. 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 Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Terry, KC8TUE, has been using EchoLink that is connected to the 146.97 MHz repeater. He sent me an E-Mail asking if the 147.255 MHz repeater could be left connected to Roger, KE8LCM's AllStar system. Since there has been no abuse with Echo Link connected to the 146.97 MHz repeater, we thought it would be worth doing the same thing with Roger's AllStar system. Roger said he would need a piece of coax to connect up the system. Ken said that he would provide Roger with a piece of coax and a radio. Ken says he is still in the process of building the UHF Link antennas for the new voting system. Things have slowed down a little since he is trying to get things ready for Field Day. Ken explained how the new voting system will be put together.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to get on the roof of the Communications Trailer to look for leaks. He said he has an idea where the small leak may be. He is thinking about using the Flex Steel sealer to patch the leak. Ken took the license plate off the trailer to keep them from disappearing again while it is not being used. He is debating on whether to take the trailer to Field Day. If it is taken to Field Day it will be used for storage of a lot of the radios, power supplies, and other equipment.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is working. He tests it once in awhile. Since the repeater will not fit inside the cabinet



hanging on the tower, it sits on the top. Ken has removed the large canopy protecting it from the weather and replaced it with a piece of heavy-duty plastic. It was discussed about connecting the 443.175 MHz and the 147.255 MHz repeaters together, at least during the Sunday evening nets.

With the working on the HSMM (High Speed MultiMedia) Microwave system, the 900 MHz Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold. As soon as the weather stays warm and dry, Ken, WA8LLM, and Sammy, N8SVX, will try to test out the equipment.

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 said that Roger, KE8LCM, has completed ICS 100, and sent a copy of it to Ken to put on record.

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 there should be another donation check coming shortly.

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.

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

Judy, N8UFQ, and Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Hendershot Farm Tower is still up, they can see it every time they go out of the house. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the weather is getting better, he will try to install the last three sections of tower, and start hanging antennas which are ready to go. Along with the three J-Pole Antenna, Ken is going to install a node for the HSMM system. With any luck we are hoping that Conard, KE8HLU, will be able to connect into the HSMM system from the node on the Hendershot Farm Tower. He said that he still needs to build a building to house all of radios, batteries, and other electronic equipment that will be placed at the site.



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

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received an E-Mail from Amazon, stating they had deposited donation money in the regular checking account. The E-Mail came about a week after Ken saw it had been deposited.

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. He said that with most of the other local Hamfests being cancelled, the one in October may have a large turnout.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Duane, N8LDM, about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Duane said the event has been cancelled for this year. He wants us to know that if the races are held next year, that we will be contacted to help with the communications.

Plans are still being made on holding Field Day on June 27th and 28th at the Hendershot Farm location. Ken has been talking to several Amateurs about participating with the event. He said that Kendale, KD8QAK, has already taken the 24 by 40-foot canopy up to the site, getting it ready for the big weekend. Ken explained how the set up would be done. There should be some improvements. Ken said there should be plenty of food. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since both the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days Festival have been cancelled, there is no use to worry about getting BINGO Licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multimedia) system that he and a few other Amateurs are working on. He said that during testing with a portable system, he was able to see a path from the Wood County Fire Radio tower back to his house, three and a half miles. The station at Ken's house is located up 90 feet on his 120-foot tower. More tests need to be made before the first path can be accomplished. Ken explained the problems the group is running into. Ken said that Tim, WB8MOI, of Miller Communications donated a bunch of old micro 2.4 GHz microwave dishes that can be used on the system. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub is still going to hold their Volcano Days Special Event Station even though Volcano Days has been canceled. Jerry, KA8NJW, will operate the SES at his house.



Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. The meeting adjourned at 8.05 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Rick Sawyer W WV8DOC/Unit 262, Randall Lynch KE8OJI, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281 Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282