



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of May 5, 2020

Before the meeting was called to order two people took and passed their Amateur Radio License test.

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 14 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 7, 2020, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion carried.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still building the UHF antennas that will be used for the Link Transmitters on the Remote Receivers on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. He is working with Earl, KB8HRG, who is designing the noise detector part of the Remote Receiver. Ken said that he got an E-Mail from Terry, KC8TUE, asking if we can hook an Echo Link system to the repeater. Ken said that if we do, we need to make sure that it doesn't get out of hand and start being used by everyone in the world.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com. are as up to date as they can be. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he did not send Bill the latest copies of the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins, so they are not on the website yet. Bill said he will turn the bill for the website domain names in for reimbursement as soon as he can.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last time he checked on the Communications Trailer, he found a little water on the floor. He thinks there is still a small leak in the roof. When the weather gets better, he will check to see if he can find it. When he works on the roof, he will check on a way to mount the solar panels that are stored in the trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is working. In the E-Mail from, and to, Terry, KC8TUE, he said that as soon as Roger, KE8LCM, can



get a good path to the repeater, that he would start monitoring the repeater more often. He also talked about tying the 443.175 MHz repeater, and the 147.255 MHz together during the Sunday night nets. A short discussion followed.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services 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.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no fund-raising events scheduled, or planned yet. With Coronavirus outbreak, there is no point to try anything at this time.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Discount card and associate it with Wood County Emergency Communications in the community section.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, was not at the meeting there was no report on the Everbridge system.

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

Judy, N8UFQ, said that her family has been cleaning up the brush around the Hendershot Farm Tower and the Field Day site. Ken, WA8LLM, said he is hoping the weather gets better shortly so the last three sections of tower can be placed on the tower.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that nothing else has been done with the changing of the public safety frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded all of the members to have their friends and relatives who order anything from Amazon, they should do it through



smile.amazon.com and set up a charitable contribution 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. He will check with the 4-H Officials about a month before the Hamfest to make sure the building is still available.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last time he talked to Duane, N8LDM, he was advised the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race is still on and it will be held June 21st. Duane said the race officials will make a final decision on holding the race about a month before that date, to make sure it is still going to be held.

Plans are still being made on holding Field Day on June 27th and 28th at the Hendershot Farm location. The ARRL is making some temporary changes in the Field Day Rules to allow, and encourage, people to operate Field Day from their homes.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion how the Telephone Conference meeting worked for the April WCEC Business meeting. A Lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the WV Tax Department, BINGO Division, is not issuing any BINGO License, he is not for sure if we are going to be able to operate the BINGO games at the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days Festival, if they don't get cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a description on the HSMM (High Speed MultiMedia) system that he and a few other Amateurs are starting to put into operation. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he met with Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, who is the Tyler County Emergency Services Director. Ken said he picked up a used PXB Telephone system that came out of the Tyler County Health Department. The system was not that old, but it was going to be sent to the trash if Ken didn't want it. As usual, Ken doesn't like to see any good



piece of electronic equipment destroyed, or trashed. The telephone system can be set up in a small business, or at a disaster scene.

Since several people are wanting to take tests for new licenses or upgrade, plans are being made to hold a special testing on May 16th. The testing will be given on May 16th at the Eastwood VFD Fire Station.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285 Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 290, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 2 282, Randal Lynch, Roger KE8LCM/Unit 281