



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of November 3, 2020

Before the meeting started one person took and passed her Technician Class license.

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 8 members and guests present. Due to the election, several members were busy working, or watching the election results, and were not at the meeting.

A motion to accept the October 6, 2020, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Brent, KD8DLX, and seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Roger, KE8LCM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the problems that he found on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. Ken said the repeater is still running on the two small batteries and operating at only 50 watts. Ken said that he received a telephone call from Randy Kinsolving, WB8OHX, from Miller Communications about the old batteries and power panel. Randy didn't think that any of their equipment was still running off of old power supply and batteries, but he had made a mistake. Millers is going to replace the burnt up power supply. Ken said that he would check on getting new batteries for the power system. Other than that the repeater seems to be working just fine.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Communications Trailer. He said that he should have stopped by to check on any leaks after the rain, but didn't do it.

Roger, KE8LCM, said that he has checked to see if the 443.175 MHz repeater was still in operation. Ken, WA8LLM, said it will be a while before they will be able to



move the repeater to a building at the Hendershot Farm tower site due to the price of lumber material.

Due to other projects, the 900 MHz equipment from Jackson County is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the 900 MHz equipment is digital, that may be a way to get the HSMM ARDEN system into other areas that are some distance away.

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, should try to complete the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. There are other courses that has to do with communications that can be taken. 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.

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

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't 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, that it still on hold.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still standing, even with all the wind that came through the area.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone who orders anything from Amazon, they should do it through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). If they aren't registered for contribution, they should associate their account to contribute to Wood County Emergency Communications. The group gets .05% of what is spent.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave an update on the HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) system. Ken said the Red Hill node went off the air. It looked like it may have been hit by lightning, but no one had seen any lightening. Some of the power equipment was



replaced, but the system didn't come back on the air. We are going to replace the whole station with new cable, transmitter, and power unit on Saturday. A new node was installed at the Suddenlink tower between Belpre and Marietta. The new site didn't do what Ken was hoping. Ken gave a report on some of the tests that he has been making. He will do some more testing. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone about the cover dish Christmas Dinner at the December WCEC Meeting. His is not for sure how many people will be there due to the virus.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger Discount card, and associate it with Wood County Emergency Communications on the Kroger.Com website under the Community Section.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the High School Cross Country races that were held on October 22nd. He received a Thank You card and a donation. The money that we received was spent on minute cards for the portable PBX telephone system TracFones.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be brought up.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger, KE8LCM. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger Radcliff KE8LCM/Unit 281, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282