

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC  
October 1, 2024

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 9 members and guests present at the meeting. Introductions were held.

A motion to accept the September 3, 2024 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by George, KE8CAF, and seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Motion carried. There were extra copies of the September 3rd minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by George, KE8CAF. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said that not much has been done to the system this month. He is still wanting to get the remote receivers at Williamstown, Elizabeth, and Rockport back in working order. He is still not for sure the St Marys remote receiver is working like it should be. After we get though with the activities in October, with the help of Joe, N8MEV, and Bob, KC8RSJ they are planning on working on the remote receivers.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) and [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) web sites, are still up and working fine. Bill said he has the 2024 ARES Bulletins on the site, but he now needs to get copies of the 2023 bulletins. Ken, WA8LLM, will try to get copies of them to Bill.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Communications Trailer is still parked on the top of the hill, but the grass is growing up around it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said 443.175 MHz repeater is still working. Joe, N8MEV said that he has tested it out in the last month.

Ken, WA8LLM, said we still need to keep our equipment list up-to-date as a resource. An ARES Forms can be found, and used, on the websites of [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who hasn't completed NIMS, ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, and any other NIMS communications courses, they should try to get them completed. If anyone completes any of the courses he would like to have a copy of their certificates to be placed in the WCEC files.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. Any meetings that are attended should also be kept track of. Just keep track of the hours in case WCEC applies for any other grants so we can show hours of activity the group does. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she doesn't have any fund raising activities lined up for now. With the Hamfest coming up on the 12th, there will be a raffle of a battery at the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone if they have friends or relatives who haven't registered their Kroger Card, to ask them to register it, and show WCEC as the donation recipient. We received a donation check from Kroger, and it has been deposited in the Regular checking account. A short discussion followed.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report of the Everbridge system.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Hendershot Farm tower is still there. Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the weather is getting a little better, he wants to cut the grass around the site. He would also like to start getting the block laid for the building, and some of the radios in it. He still wants to remove the two wind generators and modify one of them with a different generator, and then put it back on the tower. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Digital Network) system seems to be working fine after the 30 and 60 foot nodes on the Red Hill tower site have been replaced. The new node that was placed at 60 feet, on the Red Hill tower seems to be covering some of the dead areas between the 30 and 80 foot nodes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Basic Electronic Class is still on hold until we can find a place to hold the classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the GMRS repeater on 462.675 MHz on the Sand Hill tower site seems to be working okay. Ken still wants to link the 462.675 MHz repeater with 462.575 MHz repeater on the Summit tower site in Vienna.

Plans are still in the work about installing a 30 foot self supporting tower at the farm owned by George, KD8CAF's, aunt. George has picked up the tower sections and will get them painted. We're hoping to get the tower up before winter. The tower will have a Remote Receiver for the 147.255 MHz repeater system, an AREDN mesh node, and a DAREN Packet Radio system on it. The tower will be solar powered. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest will be held on October 12th. Bill, N8JXO, will be needing help at the Hamfest by inputting the information in his registration system. Also help will be needed Friday evening setting up the tables, the door prize display, and the PA system.

Ken, WA8LLM, still wants to stop at the new E-911 Center to talk to them about the Ham Radio room, and the training room.

Mineral Wells VFD used one of the 24 foot by 40 foot canopies for their Pig Roast on September 14th.

The Chic-Fil-A Cross County races were held on September 7th. They used one of the 24 foot by 40 foot canopies as a medical tent. A couple other small canopies were set up for the race officials.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) held a Parks On The Air (POTA) Amateur event on the Blennerhassett Island September 7th.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) operated a Special Event Station at the Volcano Days event on Saturday, September 28th.

The Mid-Ohio Valley GMRS Group held a picnic instead of their regular monthly meeting. The picnic was held September 16th at the Lubeck Park on the hill behind the Lubeck Fire station.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the free clothes give away to be held on Saturday, October 5th at the Waverly United Methodist Church, in Waverly.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, received a telephone call from the Broadway Church of Nazarene asking for the use both of the 24 foot by 40 foot canopies on October 13th for a picnic, and October 31st for a Halloween party. Help will be needed to set up the canopies.

Kenny, KB8YAV, gave information about a communications exercise that will be held on Thursday, October 17th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, George Orr KE8CAF/Unit 289, Joe Thomas N8MEV/Unit 291, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Bob Marlow KC8RSJ/Unit 292, Kenny Cline KB8YAV, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255