



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

Minutes of July 2, 2013

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 23 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 4, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Lisa, KB8UER, and seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said nothing has been done in the last month, and it seems to be working okay. He says the E-911 Remote Receiver was taking priority over the Laurel Creek Receiver and that if he holds his H/T horizontal that he is able to get into the Laurel Creek receiver better. He also said that Matt, N8MDG, will be leaving Miller Communications to go to work for the Bureau of Public Debt, so he won't have free run of the Miller tower sites, and we may not have as easy access to the E-911 tower site receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't have anything to report on the grants that he's applied for, but he is still researching for other grants. He said that since none of the members have asked to donation letters to give out, that he didn't bring any

to the meeting, but will have them at the August Meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours, and mileage. Dave, N8NWV turned his report in. It was suggested that new forms be brought to the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the Health Department Communications Trailer to remove the Ohio MARCS radio so it can be sent back to be re-programmed. He said the trailer has been unplugged from the commercial power for a couple of months, and the batteries are dead. The trailer was moved back in the parking lot. Ken said that he is going to remove the batteries and take them to his house and put them on charge so they won't be ruined.

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Terry, KC8TUE, called Zides in Marietta, but the person he needed to talk to was not there. He is going to take a sample T-Shirt to them, so they can get the color, and work up a price on the E-Shirts.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the www.wc8ec.com website. Ken, WA8LLM, said to get them caught up, he had sent Bill the latest ARES Bulletins, and DAREN News at about 4:00 am, the morning of the meeting. Ken, KB8QPW, said that as of 3:00 pm, the day of the meeting, the ARES Bulletins, and DAREN News hadn't been posted yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Jim Rose at the Health Department, about the building at the Airport. Jim said the finical people had found a way to acquire insurance for the building at the Airport. The insurance would not cover any equipment in the building. He was told the only thing needed was to have the insurance required by the lease. Ken said that he needs to talk to Terry Moore at the Airport and see if that will take care of the lease. Maybe within a few months we would be able to move into the Airport building.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some WCEC patches left if anyone wants one or more. They are \$2.00 each.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the moving of the cabinets in the old airport terminal building is still on hold pending the

outcome of the health department getting the new building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that on Wednesday, June 26th, he talked to Tim Miller from Miller Communications. Tim would like to get the Sand Hill/- Mountwood Park tower site cleaned up so he could start working on the guy wires. A day and date of Saturday, July 13th, weather permitting, and a time of 8:00 am was set for a crew to go to the tower site for cleanup.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took the new WCEC Communications trailer to the Field Day site to be used as an operating position. He said that all of those who worked in, or toured the trailer, thought it was coming along fine. Ken said that he is still working on the consoles to remote some of the other radios. He said the next thing he needs to do is get the main 12 Volt DC power cable placed in the trailer. There was a lengthy discussion about security, and alarming the trailer since it may be stored at the Eastwood VFD Fire Station on Rt 47.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing will be done about charging membership dues until the last of the year.

Terry, KC8TUE, has sent out some more letters and E-Mails asking for donations for the Hamfest in October. Lisa, KB8UER, said she wouldn't know until shortly before the Hamfest if we will get a donation from Waste Management.

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Ken, WA8LLM, had several Packet Radio interface units that he had been working on, at the meeting for Show-N-Tell. He is planning to hold a class on making printed circuit boards. He would like to hold the class at either the Eastwood VFD, or the Health Department. No date has been set yet. Ken also talked about a project of building encryption units for the Hand Held radios. The units will come in handy, if the FCC allows the use of encryption on Amateur Radio, which they are thinking about.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies that were set up at the Broadway Church of Nazarene. He said the group got a donation for their use, some of the money was spent on Field Day and parts for the consoles for the new Communications Trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He read the report that is going to be turned into the ARRL. He would have a complete report at the August Picnic/Meeting. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 443.175 MHz repeater has not been put on the air yet. He is going to put something together so that he can complete the report to the Frequency Coordinator. Ken said that Rich Dillon, K8VE, has a repeater that is already tuned up on the 443.175 frequency, as well as the duplexer. He said he would get with Rich about picking it up. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. BINGO will be held on August 16th, 17th, and 18th. He said that he still needs to order the BINGO License. We will be sitting up the canopies, tables, and chairs on Thursday, August 15th, around 5:00 pm.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon is on August 17th. Everyone who is going to help needs to be on their assigned location by 7:00 am. The race starts at 8:00 am. Ken, WA8LLM, said he needs to get the T-Shirt sizes to the next Half Marathon Meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Waverly VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on August 3rd. They haven't said anything to him about using the canopies yet. They will probably contact him a couple of days before the Ice Cream Social wanting to use them.

There was a reminder the Annual group picnic will be held on August 6th before the regular business meeting. A short business meeting will follow the picnic.

Matt, KD8GWP, said the yard sale didn't happen. He said that no one contacted him, or brought anything over for the sale.

Anna, KC8JWW, said that Eastwood VFD used both of WCEC's 24 by 40 canopies, the tables, and chairs at their Ice Cream Social. WCEC operated the BINGO games for Eastwood VFD. She also said that Deerwalk VFD used one of the 24 by 40 canopies at their Ice Cream Social.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Dave Bradley, N8DWB, has been teaching a CERT Class in Jackson County, and several of the students want to get the Technician License. He and Ken are planning to hold a one day Technician Radio class on August 10th at the Jackson County 911 Center in Ripley.

There will be W5YI VE Testing on August 10th.
At 6:00 pm at the Health Department 211 6th Street.

There are some date changes on the Schedule of Events for some of the Cross Country races, and also a new Cross Country race.

Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 27th, 28th, and 29th. It needs to be added to the Schedule of Events.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Tyler Lewis WV8VFD/Unit 351, Kelly Staley (EASTWOOD VFD), Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR Unit 377, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW Unit 263, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,