



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC Minutes of July 1, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 20 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 3, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the repeater seems to be working okay, he's not heard of any problems. He did say that the only times that it seems to act up is during stormy weather, when it's needed most.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't worked on any grants lately. He has been getting things ready for Field Day.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought donation letters for members to pick up and hand out. Terry said that October and the Hamfest will be here sooner than you think.

Terry, KC8TUE, said we should put the Mission Manager program on hold until the company decides if they are going to charge for it. He feels that if

we are going to be charged for it, that we drop it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been working on the racing clocks and getting everything ready for Field Day. He said that he will try to make it to the T-Shirt people before the next meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. He said the site is still active and up-to-date. He said that he corrected the VE Testing times that are on the website. He said that he is waiting for Ken, WA8LLM, to send the latest copies of the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins.

The group said we should put the building at the Airport on hold until a new CEO at the Health Department, has been hired, and gets his/her act together.

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 new communications trailer was taken to the Field Day site after it was at the Eastwood Ice Cream Social. The trailer was used as a Field Day operating station. It has now been relocated back at the bottom of his driveway where he can start installing the radios in it. It was discussed about one of the computers used at Field Day getting hot. We may have to figure a way to keep them cool since they are placed under the shelves. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to build the new antenna and get it mounted on the Sand Hill tower site for the 443.175 MHz repeater. He still wants to work on the Motorola repeater that was donated to the group. Tim Miller of Miller Communications asked if we could clean the site up a little the next time we are up there. The group said they wanted to put the reporting of any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) activity on hold until it is settled as to who is going to put it back in operation.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the installing of the Jackson County repeater is depending on when we get the new antenna and Motorola Repeater put at the Sand Hill tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has put the duplexers for the Microwave equipment with the rest of the equipment. He is going to see how much it is going to

cost to get the channel units to place the equipment into the 902 to 928 Amateur Radio band.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the monthly training class held over the Field Day weekend. The training was the sitting up of antennas and radio operations for Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that as soon as he transfers money from the BINGO account to the Regular checking account, he will pay the bill for the use of the Lubeck Civic Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was no Raffle drawing for July, and wanted to know if the group wanted to hold a raffle for the September meeting. There was no interest in holding a raffle in September.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still has fliers for the Hamfest. He will be taking them to the State Convention at Jackson Mills, which is the week after the Parkersburg Homecoming. Terry, KC8TUE, wanted to know if he should get the Main Prize radios. A few months ago it was decided to get the radios, but we didn't want to add too much to the credit card, until it gets a little closer to the Hamfest. Terry said he would get them ordered. There was a discussion about what other radios would be given away as main prizes. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that when he went to the Half Marathon meeting, Chip Allman, who is in charge of the Chic-Fil-A Road Run, and the Half Marathon gave him the donation check from the Chic-Fil-A Road Run.

Ken talked about the clock that he took to the Half Marathon meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't get around to calling anyone about holding BINGO at the Parkersburg Honey Festival. He would be sure to contact someone before the next meeting. Ken said the activities will be from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday, and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. It may depend on how long it will take to set up the BINGO equipment, where it will be located. The BINGO Licenses show they are good for about 30 days. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, hasn't decided, for sure what she is going to do about the selling of RADA Knives as a fund raiser. She would like to have some on hand to sell at any of the groups activities. Cathy says it only takes about four days to get the knives in when she orders them. By the next WCEC meeting there will be a decision on what to do for selling of the knives. She also said that we can only sell the knives on Saturdays and Sundays at Wal*Mart and Sams. We would need to talk to Kala White at Wal*Mart. It was to hold off getting and selling knives until August.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he planned on getting the Onan Generators out of storage to see what he can do with them. He would like to either sell them, or get them running and put them on a trailer to make a power trailer. The generators may just be put in the Bulletin Board to be sold. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. The bands weren't that good on Saturday, but seemed to be great on Sunday. Ken said that he would send the report to the ARRL, and have a hard copy at the August meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Half Marathon. He said that all but a couple locations have been filled. Ken said that he would send out a copy of the map with the race information, but he would also have hard copies of the Half Marathon map of the August meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies that were used at the Lubeck VFD concert.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard back from the Interstate Fair about operating the BINGO games.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard back from Bob Smith, KB8RNEs, Son-in-Law about selling the radios. Ken said that he doesn't know the Son-in-Law's telephone number, so he can't call him back. Bret, KD8DLX, said that he would try to contact Bob about the radios and the telephone number.

There was discussion on the tables that we received a grant for. We need to buy the tables first, and then be reimbursed. There will be some more discussion on the tables later. The group has 22 months to get the tables before the grant runs out. Terry, KC8TUE, will check with the Foundation, about the concerns. There was a lengthy discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hadn't checked with Chic-

Fil-A about the Fun Night. He will check with them before the next meeting.

New Business

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he had a Wouxun KG-UV6D Hand Held radio that he would like to sale. It is like new, he just wants to upgrade to another Hand Held. He is only wanting \$106 for the radio. Cathy, KC8DJJ, made a motion for the group to buy the radio. It could either be given away as a prize at the Hamfest, or put with the other batch of Hand Held radios the groups already owns. Lisa, KB8UER, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion to hold a picnic at the August meeting, Matt, KD8WHN, seconded the motion. Motion carried. The picnic will be held August 5th, at the Lubeck Civic Center, followed by a short business meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to the Cross County Race officials about the October 7th race, which will be the same day as the WCEC Business meeting. The race should be held about 2:00 pm or 3:00 pm in the afternoon, so we should be done in time to have the meeting. Anyone wanting to help with the race should be available to go the Wood County 4-H Fair Camp Grounds at around 1:00 pm.

The group said they would like to have a soldering class for the July monthly training class. The class will be held at the Health Department on July 26th, at about 9:00 am. Remember all of these training classes are free.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about putting together a transmitter that would be used to transmit CW for learning and practice. A short discussion followed.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Mason Matheny Unit 384/KD8YLI, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295,