



## **WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.**

### **Minutes of January 6, 2015**

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

**A motion to accept the June 2, 2015, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 Brent, KD8DLX, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the repeater system has been working okay, even through the storms in the past month. Normally, the repeater seems to act up during severe storms.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't done anything with the grant that will go to the Parkersburg Foundation for chairs. He is waiting for the grant opening time. He is looking for a grant to replace the Wouxun Handheld radios. In the past few years there have been reports that some of the Handhelds have been having problems. So far very few of the group's Handheld radios have had any problems, and seem to be working just fine, but we need to make sure we have radios that will work when we need them. A short discussion followed.**

**Terry, KC8TUE, brought some donation letters to the meetings just in case they were needed. He is changing out his brief case and needs to make room for other materials.**

**Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) website. He said that it is up-to-date, but needs to change some of the information about the W5YI VE Testing and the new mailing address.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, still hasn't paid any money for the insurance for the building at the airport yet. He explained why it hasn't been paid. Bob, KD8PYF, wanted to know if the lease agreement would still be good when the insurance gets paid. All we can do is hope that it is still good. A lengthy discussion followed.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said the new communications trailer didn't get completely cleaned out, but it was used for Field Day. The trailer had one operating position for Field Day, and there were several pieces of radio equipment stored in it during the weekend. He said that while bringing the trailer off the Field Day site, one of the old dry rotted tires went bad. It needs to be replaced before it can be taken to the Parkersburg Homecoming.**

**Matt, KD8WHN, said he checked over the past couple of weeks, and the 443.175 MHz repeater seemed to be having problems. He said the repeater is not passing any audio**



through it. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would take a look at it as soon as possible. Ken said that he still needs to work on the Motorola repeater, and put it into operation at the Sand Hill tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported the Jackson County UHF repeater still hinges on the completion of the work on the Wood County Motorola 443.175 MHz repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been trying to contact a friend of his who may be able to let him know if the Microwave equipment from Jackson County can be used as it is, on the Amateur Radio bands. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't put the CW Practice transmitter back on the air yet. Putting it back on the air won't be a problem, but making sure the transmitter is putting out a clean signal will take awhile. He needs to make sure the transmitter isn't putting out a dirty signal. Any dirty signal will be amplified to 100 Watts.

Bob, KD8PYF, said that Ken, WA8LLM, still needs to talk to Rick Woodyard, the E-911 Director about the Ham Shack at the 911 Center. Ken said that he was hoping to talk to Rick at Field Day, but he didn't show up. Ken will try to talk to Rick, before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't started modifying the last of the BINGO tables yet. He said that he needs to have 20 more of them modified before the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Rick, WV8DOC, said that Todd Wines of the Red Cross is on vacation, and won't be back until the middle of the month. Todd has passed on information about what needed to be added to the MOU before the Red Cross officials will sign it. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 24 by 80 foot canopy for a wedding in Pleasants County. He said that seven people helped put up the canopy on Thursday before Field Day. On the Monday after Field Day, eight people helped take it down and bring it home. A donation was deposited in the Regular checking account.

Terry, KC8TUE, didn't have any Wood County ARRL ARES Forms at the meeting. But, everyone needs to make sure their ARES information is up-to-date by the end of the year, and get them to Terry.

Ken, WA8LLM, was going to re-submit a request to Harbor Freight for door prizes for the Hamfest. When he connected to the website, he found out they weren't taking any request except for schools. He read a copy of the note that was on the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that even though the WCEC Business License and Annual Report was submitted, and an E-Mail showing it was completed, the state hasn't taken the reporting fee out of the checking account. In a few days he will try to talk to someone at the state, and find out why the money hasn't been taken out of the account.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has some of the main prizes for the Hamfest, but the first place prize hasn't been ordered yet. He said there are several door prizes that have been collected. If anyone wants to get door prize donations they will be added to the list. He hasn't heard anything back from the ARRL about making the Hamfest an ARRL



sanctioned Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still holding off applying for the BINGO License until the checking accounts are built up a little more. He may transfer some money out of the Raffle account to order the licenses. There was a discussion about starting to hold a weekly BINGO game.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the BINGO games that were held at the Wood Craft picnic on June 13th. He said that since he wasn't for sure what the group was getting into, there were several mistakes with the games. He explained to the picnic coordinator. Ken said that if the group is asked to help next year, things will be done a lot better.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave an update of the Summerfest, which would be held on July 18th. She said there are 18 vendors that have said they will be there. She said that she needs the groups, canopies, table, and chairs. She also needs a PA System. The trailers will be taken to Mineral Wells VFD the week before the event. Members of WCEC are to meet at the Mineral Well Community Building at 5:00pm on Friday, July 17th, to set up for the event on Saturday. They need to be back at the community building by 8:00am, on Saturday. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the group which has been working on a formula of the membership hours has it completed. Members are to put their hours together by the end of the year, and give them to Terry, KC8TUE. The hours turned in will determine the member dues for 2016.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held August 14th, 15th, and 16th. Set up time will be on Thursday, August 13th at about 5:00pm.

The Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 15th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would like to have two radio operators at each of the Mile Markers. He wants each of them to have a radio, so that they will hear any calls that come to them. He said that each of the Mile Marker workers are being asked to operate the WCEC racing clocks.

There was a reminder of the Cross Country foot race on the same day as the Hamfest. The race will be held after the Hamfest, so we should be able to cover the event with communications. We'll get more information later.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the last five clocks that he has been putting together. He only has a couple things to do, and all 11 clocks will be ready for the Half Marathon.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He gave a breakdown of the information. He said he should have a complete report by the August meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to close down the Post Office Box 3328 due to the availability of getting the mail since they have closed down the Neal Street Post Office. The cost of the PO Box has gone from \$106 to \$146 a year in the 19 years that we have had it.



The group has paid \$2240 in that 19 years. Ken said the new address for WCEC will be 319 Communications Drive, Waverly, WV, 26184. He has already started changing addresses on some business accounts.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after Field Day, he has been gathering up all of the equipment to put together a wireless logging system for Field Day next year. It was suggested that this month's class be held at the Parkersburg City Park, and it be on wireless networking. The class will start at about 9:00am on July 25th.

Mike, KD8VLL, wanted to get a couple items added to the Schedule of Events. One of them is the WV ARRL State Convention that will be held on August 22nd. The other item is the holding of a One Day Technician Class Amateur Radio Class to be held on August 29th. The class will be held at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg. The class will start at about 9:00am.

There was a reminder that the August Meeting will also be the group's annual picnic. There will be short business meeting after the picnic.

Matt, KD8WHN, talked about a website for weather spotters. He said that spotter training can be taken on line. The website is: [www.spotternetwork.org](http://www.spotternetwork.org)

Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Dave Wright N8NWX/Unit 285, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295