



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of March 3, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 22 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 3, 2015, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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 Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said that Michael, KD8SCG, who was having a problem getting into the repeater a few weeks ago, now seems to be working through the Wirt County Remote Receiver. Ken thinks the Remote Receiver may have been having a power problem, but seems to be okay now.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that due to some personal problems, he was unable to get the grant for the chairs submitted to the Parkersburg Foundation before the dead line. He would submit the grant on the next grant cycle. Mike said that he got the grant for the concrete pad at Mountwood Park submitted to McDonough Foundation. We will just have to wait for them to review it.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he had donation letters at the meeting for anyone who wanted them.

Bill, N8JXO, came to the meeting early to give a report on the www.wc8ec.com website. Bill had to leave for another activity, but he said that it is up-to-date. Bill said that you can connect to either the www.wc8ec.org or www.wc8ec.com site since they are the same. He has established E-Mail accounts for several of the members. He left the passwords for the members who have been set up. If any of the members wants an E-Mail address, he will set it up. Bill said the E-Mail accounts have unlimited message memory.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't been able to talk to Doctor Mace, about the building at the Airport, since she has been in the hospital, and he isn't at the Health Department when she is there. Rick, WV8DOC, said that if the group didn't mind, that he would look at getting the building at 1810 Staunton Ave., or try to get something going at the airport. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that that he has received the Ohio MARCS Radio back from Miller Communications. He said the radio has been modified to be an Under-the-Dash radio. He said that he hasn't had time to get it mounted in the new WCEC communications trailer.



For those who haven't used the 443.175 MHz repeater on Sand Hill lately, it seems to be working okay. Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, and he is the one who keeps a close eye on it.

Work on the Jackson County UHF repeater hinges on the completion of the work on the Wood County 443.175 MHz repeater.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment the group received from Jackson County. Ken, WA8LLM, explained what he would like to do with the equipment when the weather gets better.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has the CW programs in operation on the CW practice transmitter. He explained how the programs are set up for continuous transmitting. He talked about how it might be possible learn the Morse Code while sleeping. He doesn't know if it can be done, but it would be worth a try. The members should listen to the CW Transmitter and see they would be interested in learning Morse Code. Ken said the transmitter operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week, on 145.63 MHz.

Bob, KD8PYF, gave a report on the building of a Hamshack at the E-911 Center. He said he talked to Rick Woodard, the E-911 Director, about the project. He said that Rick is very excited about it. Bob is going to talk to the other two Amateurs who work at the 911 Center. Bob said there are some vacant antennas on the building that we can use, or take down and use the space. He will get back with the group on what they will try to do. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about what needs to be done, and when it needs to be done about modifying the BINGO tables.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the MOU with the Red Cross. He said there has been a change of personal at the Red Cross, and the new person in charge of the MOU needs a little bit of time to look over the MOU before it can be signed. Ken, WA8LLM, said he met with the Red Cross Director of Washington County in Marietta. Ken has acquired the JEMNET Radio and has plans to get it installed at the Washington Emergency Operations Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group about the wedding in Pleasants County which will be held to same weekend as Field Day.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought the paperwork that is needed to hold a Spirit Night type event at the Sweet Frog. Terry said that no date has been set for the event. He turned the paperwork over to Cathy, KC8DJJ, who is in charge of the fund raising committee. Cathy will look over the paperwork and start checking dates.

The By-Laws Committee gave a report on the changes that were suggested. There are a few changed that still needs to be made. The By-Laws Committee will go over the changes, and bring them to next month's meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Soup Bean Supper that was held on Saturday, February 28th. Since she doesn't know how much the building is going to be, to hold the supper, she was unable to say if it was a profitable event or not.



There was a reminder of the Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 8th from 6:00am to 11:00am. There needs to be help setting up, serving, and tearing down. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she is going to get a date set for the Chic-Fil-A Sprit Night. Brad, KC8TYU, suggested that we have some of the WCEC Brochures to hand out at the event. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he made up the original brochures, and that he would update a new one, removing information that is out-of-date.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything back from Harbor Freight on the request for donations for the Hamfest. They were supposed to get back with us within 30 days. The 30 days has already passed. Ken will try to find out who to contact.

There has been no official request for help at the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Bob, KD8PYF, said that he would talk to Duane, N8LDM, to see if they need the communications help. Ken, said to think Warm, Dry, and something to snack on while in the woods.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he has to get the IRS 501c3 Tax Report done by May 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he needs to get the WCEC Business License renewed by the last of June.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that has reserved the 4-H Building for the Hamfest.

The radios for the Hamfest haven't been ordered yet. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will still make up Hamfest Fliers to hand out at any other Hamfests that he goes to. He said that he will put the type of radios for the Main Prizes, and put "Subject to Change".

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the two new 24 by 40 canopies were ordered and are now sitting on her porch, ready to be put in operation.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she was able to purchase the trays need for the dinner events. Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to reimburse Cathy for the trays that she purchased, seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a one day Amateur Radio Technician Class License class held on April 11th, at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. W5YI VE Testing will be held at the end of the class.

There will be a one day Amateur Radio General Class License class held on May 9th at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Marietta. W5YI VE Testing will be held at the end of the class.

This year's BINGO Licenses have not been order yet. Tyler, KD8RKE, made a motion to



order the BINGO License, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried.

Artsbridge at WVU-P will be held on Thursday, March 19th.

Mike, KD8VLL, wants to give a presentation at next month's meeting.

There was a discussion about holding an Amateur Radio Show-N-Tell at Aldis in Vienna. One of our 24 by 40 canopies could be set up and have a demonstration of different kinds of radios and modes. At the same time maybe we could put up signs to return shopping carts. Also at the same time we could sale hotdogs. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289,