



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

### **Minutes of April 5, 2016**

The March business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 16 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 1, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. He said the system seems to be working okay, but Matt, KD8WHN, said he thinks the Wirt County Remote Receiver might be out of service. He said that he was out in that area, and was not able to get into the repeater. Bill, N8JXO, said he is not able to get into the repeater from his location. Ken, said that he needs to make a trip to the site and check it out. He needs to change out both the Remoter Receiver antenna and the Packet Radio antenna when he gets a chance. He thinks the problem with the remote receiver is the beam antenna on the 439 MHz transmitter is pointing the wrong way because of the wind.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has mailed out 25 donation letters for the general fund. Nothing has been returned yet.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is up to date. He said he also has a link to the Kroger Fund Raising website.

There was nothing to report on the building at the airport. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wasn't going to do anything toward the building until the group has a steady income, so they can pay the \$75 a month for the insurance.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the batteries, from the Communications Trailer, he thought were bad, may be okay. He said that when he inspected the batteries, he found they didn't have any water. He filled all of the batteries, and put them on charge. They seem to be working okay now. He still needs to get the Ohio MARCS radio speakers mounted on the radio, and get all of the radios re-installed in the trailer. He also wants to get the solar panels mounted on the top of the trailer.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold until the Kenwood 443.175 MHz repeater has been changed out with the Motorola repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Microwave equipment from Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still in the planning stage. He hasn't had any time to work with it. Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to a couple of other projects, that he hasn't had time to get



one of the old Motorola Maratrac mobile radios ready to go on the air for the CW Practice transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on March 9th, he was able to talk to Rick Woodard, the 911 Director, about the Hamshack at the 911 Center. Rick said there is no room available to put a Hamshack in the 911 Center. Rick is hoping to increase the size of the building, and then there may be room to have a Hamshack.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't have any of the ARES Registration Forms laid out on the table, but if anyone needed one, he would get it to them. He said the form is on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers. He did receive an E-Mail from Rick, WV8DOC, with his hours.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has updated, and changed a couple more member unit numbers. Terry, KC8TUE, is now Unit 254, and Brad, KC8TYU, is now Unit 259. Rick, WV8DOC, would like to have his unit number changed to 262.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone about the one day Technician Class license class that will be held on May 14th. Matt, KD8WHN, says he has three people from Eastwood, who wants to take the class, and he may have as many as eight people in all. If anyone else has someone who would like to take the class, let them know when and where it will be held and that the cost of the class is \$20.00. The \$20 covers the cost of the FCC Examination of \$14 and for the food, snacks, and drinks since the class takes most of the day. The class will be held at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg. The class will start at about 9:00am.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Krogers, saying they would be mailing a check in the amount of \$39.80. The Kroger Fund Raiser is an easy way to get money. Rick, WV8DOC, is going to work on putting together a flier on how to register the Kroger Card with the WCEC Fund Raiser. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the passwords to get into the FCC Database. He says he still has about four members who he needs to get registered. A short discussion followed about a Life Time Amateur Radio license.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, confirmed the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will be held on Sunday, May 1st. There was a reminder the Athens County Hamfest will be held on Sunday, April 24th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Hot Dog Supper which was held on April 2nd. She said that between the supper and Larry, KC8TRQ's, Card Club, there was about \$350 made. The money will be held to get the food and drinks for the Chicken Dinner which will be held on June 12th. The working money for the Hot Dog, has already been re-deposited in the bank.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has received requests for communications help for the Vienna Fun Run, and for the Chic-Fil-A Road Run. The Vienna Fun Run will be held on



**Saturday, April 23rd. Those that are going to help should meet at Hardees in Vienna at 7:00am. The Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be held on May 21st. Help is needed on both races.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Duane, N8LDM, about the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Duane said the mountain bike race will be on Sunday, April 10th. Those wanting to help should be at Mountwood Park, by 9:00am to get their assignments and get on location. The race starts at 12 noon. Think warm and dry since the weather looks like it might be bad for the race. A short discussion followed.**

**There was a reminder there will be a General Class license class held on June 18th. The cost of the class is \$20.00. The \$20 covers the cost of the FCC Examination of \$14, and for the food, snacks, and drinks since the class takes most of the day. The class will be held at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street. The class will start at about 9:00am.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group, those who haven't taken the NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, and ICS-800, should do that as soon as possible. Bill, N8JXO, said that a link to the ICS courses can be found on the [www.wc8ec.org](http://www.wc8ec.org) / [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website under training. Ken explained why it's necessary to complete the courses. A short discussion followed.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the fund raising activity that will be held on October 22nd, will be called an October Fest. She is already getting a list of people who want to participate in the event.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything back yet from the race officials about helping with the Road Run in Williamstown on April 30th.**

**Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone about the Chicken Dinner on June 12th. The dinner will be held at the Mineral Wells Community Building from 12 noon to 4pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that on March 18th, he went to the Court House and paid \$200 rent for 4-H Building for the Hamfest, which will be held on October 8th.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Artsbridge event at WVU-P held on March 21st.**

**Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has received the IRS Tax Determination Letter with the new address on it. He still needs to get the IRS Tax report completed.**

**There will be W5YI VE Testing this coming Saturday, April 9th. The testing will be at the North End Parkersburg Library, at 1200 noon.**

**Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting**



adjourned.

### **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

**Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 274, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Jeremy Moss, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,**