WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of August 2, 2016

The annual WCEC picnic was held before the meeting.

Introductions were made. Since it was a picnic/meeting the meeting part was going to be very short.

The August 2nd, the business meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 30 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 5, 2016 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, 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 Brad, KC8TYU. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been done with the 147.255 MHz Repeater since the Chicken Dinner which was held on June 12th.

Donation Letters report was held off until September meeting.

Bill, N8JXO, said that he has been busy out of town, so www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is a little behind, but he would get it caught up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer, has been parked at it's regular parking place, after bringing it back from the Field Day site. The batteries are still on charge with the solar panels on the roof. It needs to be cleaned up before it's taken to the Parkersburg Homecoming to be used as the BINGO office.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he keyed up the 443.175 MHz Repeater, so it is still in operation. He doesn't hear very many people ever use it.

A report on the Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater was held off until the September meeting.

A report on the Microwave equipment was held off until the September meeting.

A report on the Motorola Maratrac 100 Watt mobile radio for the CW Practice transmitter was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't put out any ARES Forms at the meeting. Anyone that needs a

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form can download it from the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. When they fill it out, they can turn it into either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours and turn them into one of the WCEC officers.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the assigning any new unit numbers. Cathy said that she will have to miss the business meetings for the next few months. She will be taking a class at WVU-P on Tuesdays and Thursdays until after the first of the year. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a Fund Raising Committee report. She said there will be a Hot Dog Supper on September 17th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Lubeck Civic Center. She gave a report on the Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Bar event which was held on July 23rd.

Report on the FCC Database was held off until the September meeting.

Report on the NIMS courses was held off until the September meeting.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, reminded everyone the Fall Expo event will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center on October 22nd from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Hamfest coming up on October 8th. He wanted to thank Lisa, KB8UER, for doing the paperwork to get a donation of \$500.00 from Waste Management for the Hamfest. Dave, N8NWV, brought a bag of door prizes to the meeting for the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Kroger Fund Raiser, and the check which he received from them. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything more about the Technician Class Radio class that is/was to be held at the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in South Parkersburg.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on how many helpers he has, and still needs for the Parkersburg Half Marathon. The Half Marathon will be held on August 20th. Ken is still in the process of building two more race clocks. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Parkersburg Homecoming, which we will be operating the BINGO games, will be August 19th, 20th, and 21st. On Thursday, August 18th, starting at about 5:00 pm, we need a group of people to help set up the 24 by 80 canopy, and the tables for BINGO.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He has submitted the electronic Field Day Report to the ARRL. He said he still needs to get the paper report put together and sent to them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Notary Public renewals have been applied for.

A report on the Rainy Day project was held off until the September meeting.

A report on the tower site clean up was held off until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies at the Turkey Foot Church in Mineral Wells. He said that he has received a check in the amount of \$300. He will deposit it the next time he goes to the bank. A short discussion about loaning the canopies to other organizations followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that W5YI VE Testing would be held on August 13th at the Northend Library at 1200 noon, if he is contacted by anyone who wants to take a test. At least one person needs to contact one of the VE Team members before they set up the testing.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, already touched on the Hot Dog Supper that would be held on September 17th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. at the Lubeck Civic Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had been contacted by Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, the Tyler County Emergency Services Director about a tower that needs to be taken down in Tyler County. Tom said that if we take the tower down, that we can have it. A short discussion followed. Ken is planning to go take the tower down in the next few weeks, but he will need a ground crew. Ken also said that Chief Johnson of the Wood County Sheriff's Department has a roll of about 150 to 200 feet of 7/8 inch Heliax Transmission line he needs to get out of one of the county buildings. Ken said that he would stop by and pick it up.

Ken, WA8LLM, has been approached by the Senior Citizens officials about giving a presentation on Amateur Radio. Ken, will do the presentation on Thursday, August 11th.

Anna, KC8JWW, has fund raising food cards for sale, as a fund raisier for her church. The cards only cost \$10. The cards are good until December 2017.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub meeting will be next Monday, August 8th, at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, 6:00 pm to eat, 7:00 pm for the meeting.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy, KC8DJJ. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Kenny Roberts WV8EER/Unit 362, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 267, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, John Riggs KD8EJX/Unit 271, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Peterson, Anna

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Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens Unit 299K, Dave Stevens Jr., Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elma Lang, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris Unit 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Kaitlyn Puffenbarger