



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of June 6, 2017

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

A motion to accept the May 4, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Joe, KD8YVB. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Bill, N8JXO, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Sammy, N8SVX, went to the Wirt County tower site on Monday, May 29th, and changed out the antenna outriggers for one that mounts on two legs of the tower. The two VHF antennas were changed out with J-Pole antennas. One piece of coax tested open and was changed out. Since the J-Pole antennas seem to be directional, signals to the East may be a little bit weaker. Ken explained about having two beam antennas mounted on the tower. After they were finished with the Wirt County site, Ken said that he went to the other three remote receivers on the system, and checked them out.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back from any of the donation letters. He said that he needs some more stamps to mail out donation letters.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website was up-to-date. He said that sometime in the future we may need to purchase a certificate of security. He still needs to get a list of activities that WCEC has been involved in.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he checked a couple of the radios in the Communications Trailer. Everything seems to be okay. He just needs to check the air pressure on the tires before he takes it to the Field Day site. Dave, N8NWV, suggested when the trailer is going to be parked any length of time the trailer tires should be separated from the ground. Being parked on the ground can cause the tires to dry rot.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has been checking out the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater, and it seems to be okay.

The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold, waiting to get the Motorola 443.175 MHz repeater working and placed at Mountwood Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of



Emergency Services is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Randy Thomas, K8KHW, about the antenna that was used for the CW Practice Transmitter. The antenna was being used as a Packet Radio NODE for Randy's Winlink 2000 system. Randy said he is no longer using the NODE, and the antenna can be used for the CW Transmitter. Ken said that he will start getting the CW practice system ready to put back on the air.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had ARES Forms at the meeting if anyone needed to upgrade their communications or any other equipment. Since Bill, N8JXO, had the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website up, he checked to make sure the ARES Form is also available on the website.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no one asking for a unit number change.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the sale of the RADA Knives wasn't going very well. She thinks it would be easier to sale the knives if they were ordered ahead, and sale them in person at some of our activities. Cathy said there will be a Hot Dog Supper on July 1st. The supper will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to have their password stored on his Personal Security Question Database, he would add it there. Ken said that he has renewed Matt, KD8GWP's, Amateur License.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that hasn't completed the basic NIMS courses of 100, 200, 700, and 800 should work on them. They can connect to the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website and click on the Training section, which can be used to connect to the FEMA training site. There was a short discussion about some of the courses that Ken needed copies of.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone pass on the Kroger registration number of: 81343 to their friends and relatives.

Since Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't been able to talk to the 911 officials about getting an Everbridge system class, he told Rick, WV8DOC, to work with the system and see what he can make it do. Rick said that he would try to send out some messages to those who he already has set up in the database.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to set up a date for cleaning of the Miller Communications, Mountwood tower site.

It hasn't been determined when we should order promotional ink pens since we haven't got any activities that would warrant them.

None of the Hamfest fliers were passed out in the last month. Ken, WA8LLM, is waiting to see if Mike, KD8VLL, will need any of them to take to the WV ARRL State Convention in August. Since the convention is on the same day as the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO, and Half Marathon, Ken won't be able to go. Ken said there haven't been any new door prizes picked up lately.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't worked on the WV Surplus application in the past



month, but may try to work on it as soon as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the One Day Technician Class Radio Class at Parkersburg Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 6th. There were 14 people who took the class and 13 of them took and passed their test. Those who passed the test have received their license.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Road Run which was held on May 20th. The event was not as good as it should have been. There were several problems that can be fixed before the next race. A lot of lessons were learned. A short discussion followed.

Even though Anna, KC8JWW, was at the meeting Ken, WA8LLM, said he still needs to talk to her about putting up the 105 foot tower at the Field Day site. The tower was taken down a few months back in Tyler County.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at 12 Noon, at the North End Parkersburg Library. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will need help.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that Cliff Buckley at Eastwood VFD has the name of someone who wants the use of both 24 by 40 canopies and 26 tables and maybe chairs for a wedding on October 7th. The wedding will be on Radcliff Run Road. The girl who wants the canopies, tables, and possibly the chairs would like to have it set up on October 5th. A short discussion followed.

No one went to the SKYWARN Class that was held at the 911 Center on May 9th.

There a short discussion about the FCC making some changes to the Personal Radio Service which includes Family Radio Service (FRS) and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS).

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took a 24 X 40 foot canopy, 30 tables, and the portable BINGO Machine to the Eastwood VFD for their Ice Cream Social. A short discussion followed.

There is going to be a Safety Fair at the Middle School/High School in Ritchie County on June 17th. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would like to go, but he will be at a Birthday Party. Anyone wanting to go is welcome.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be holding a Special Event Station at Mountwood Park on September 23rd during Volcano Days.

There was a lengthy discussion about Field Day that would be held on June 24th and 25th.

John, WV8DOH, said the WV QSO Party will be held on June 17th and 18th.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWW. Meeting



adjourned. Meeting over at 8:21 pm

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, John Riggs WV8DOH/Unit 271, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Eddie Allen