



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc. Minutes of November 7, 2017

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 15 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 3, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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, and seconded by Barb, KD8SQY. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't done anything with the 147.255 MHz repeater system. He thought he had found an Alinco DR-135 in the Communications Trailer, but it also has a receive problem. Ken says he has at least five DR-135's that have receive problems. When he can get time to go to the repeater transmitter site, he may swap out the DR-135 that is being used as the transmitter for the repeater with one of the DR-135's that has receive problems since the transceiver doesn't need the receiver.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't had any luck with the donations letters. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took a donation letter to Harbor Freight when he went to purchase door prizes for the Hamfest. While there he found out they no longer donate at the store. You need to go on line and fill out an application. While he was there he set up tax exempt status for the organization. He said that he will go on line and start the application for the Hamfest next year. Ken said that he also stopped at Rural King and dropped off a donation letter, but, nothing was heard from them.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is as up to date as it can be. He said renewal of the website Domain name is due. It is around #30. Bill said that he will take care of it, and can be reimbursed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he checked out the Communications Trailer. He said there was bottles of water which he took out to keep from freezing. He checked out the solar panels to make sure they were keeping the batteries charged up. He found that a couple of the TNCs and one computer monitor was left on, which he turned off. He said he still needs to take the flat tire off and get it repaired or replaced. It's possible the tire may be dry rotted. Either two or three of the four tires have already been replaced due to dry rot.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has tested the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater. He didn't talk to anyone, but it did come up.



The Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, still hasn't worked on the CW Practice Transmitter even though he can now get into the building after the brush has been cut. After the transmitter is put back on the air the frequencies from about 45 MHz to 470 MHz will need to be scanned to make sure the transmitter is clean.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information up-to-date. ARES Forms are available on the website and at the meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. He said the hours will be lower since most of our activities are over for this year. The hours can be turned into either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there has been no requests for unit number changes.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that her boss is having some kind of spring sales event at his church. He said that if she wants to sell RADA knives at the event she can set up a table for free. She doesn't know the date of the event yet, but her boss will keep her updated. She will buy the knives ahead of time. Depending on what kind of table they have she may use one of the table aprons to advertise our organization.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to keep their FCC Password in his database to let him know. He updated Kyle, KD8PYM, password today, and has a copy of his license.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members that haven't completed the basic NIMS courses of 100, 200, 700, and 800, they can use the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he wasn't sure if the Hospice organization was going to want the use of one of the 24' By 40' canopies and it was getting close to add minutes to the Tracfones, he purchased four 60 Minute Tracfone Cards from the money we received from the Kroger donation. He reminded everyone to get their family and friends to register their Kroger Cards.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting, there was nothing to report on the Everbridge system. Ken, WA8LLM, said that during the flooding, in October, all of the Tracfones received Text Messages, but they weren't from the Everbridge system. The Tracfone numbers are not in the Everbridge system. If you want your telephone, cellphone, or E-mail address placed in the Everbridge system, contact Rick.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Hamfest. He said that Cathy, KC8DJJ, had a list of how many people bought different amounts of tickets, but Ken forgot to bring it to the meeting. Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the ticket database. He said that about 25 percent of those attending the Hamfest took some kind of prize home with them. There were four people that took Amateur Radio tests. There were three new licenses, and one upgrade, all passed. There was a small problem where we used an outdated FCC



Form 605, but that was taken care of. The group received a donation check for the Hamfest from Sam Maze, W8SPM. Kymber, KD8UQR, won the Main Prize. A lengthy discussion followed.

The filling out of the WV Surplus application is still a work in progress.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to talk to Mark Hendershot about placing the Tyler County tower at the place that we use for Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopies, tables, and chairs for a wedding on October 7th. Things didn't work out the way they were planned. There was a discussion on what kind of donations needs to been worked out before they are loaned again, followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't heard anything about a donation for the use of one 24 by 40 foot canopy at the Broadway Church of Nazarene during the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Broadway Church of Nazarene didn't use the canopies for their community Halloween Party which was held October 31.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Cross Country races held on October 5th and 19th. He said that he received a donation check from the Cross Country Race officials. Ken read the thank you letter that came with the check, and was ask to help again next year. Ken said that he needs help at the Cross County races next year. A short discussion followed.

There was no report on the updating of the Emergency Operations Plan. The plan can be found on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website. Everyone should look at the plan and bring back any ideas or changes.

It was brought up about the building at the airport. Ken, WA8LLM, explained why we decided not to pursue getting it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't made it to the Boys and Girls Club yet to talk to them about a presentation on Amateur Radio.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed about holding a class on the use of the multimeter like the ones that can be acquired from Harbor Freight. It can be a short class and be held before one of our monthly meetings. No date set.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to Harbor Freight and picked up two more 800 Watt Generators. The money used to purchase the generators was from money left over from the BINGO games.



Ken, WA8LLM, said he got a telephone call from Kim Synder about using one of the 24' by 40' canopies for the Hospice Memorial. The memorial was held on Sunday, October 15th the day after the Hamfest. Ken said he received a donation in the form of Visa Debit Cards. Since it needed to spent, he took it to Wal*Mart and purchased four 60 minute Tracfone cards. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the folding chairs that were purchased in November of 1990. The chairs were repainted between the first of September and the first of October 1998. Ken showed how he is repairing, reinforcing, and painting them. If all goes well the chairs should last another 20 years if we take care of them. The material for the chairs is being purchased from Lowes and put on the American Express/Lowes Credit Card. It was discussed on how to modify the trailer for hauling and covering the chairs to protect them from the weather. Bill, N8JXO, suggested having panels that would fold over the top of the trailer. Bill also suggested how the chairs could be painted. Since the feet are missing on some of the chairs, Brent, KD8DLX, said that he would check to see if he can find where to purchase feet to put back on the chairs.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the N8MDG UHF repeater is back on the air. The repeater was off the air due to several problems. Ken said the Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints hold a net on the repeater at 7:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are medical forms available to fill out if there are any changes. If there are no changes Ken will use the same form from last year to put in the back on the ID Cards. He will try to get the ID Cards ready by the December meeting.

Brent, KD8DLX, made a motion to hold the Christmas Dinner at the December meeting, seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. Motion approved. The dinner will start at about 6:00 pm, followed by a short business meeting.

Ken, KB8QPW, said the Vienna and Christmas Parades would be held on December 2nd. Bill, N8JXO, said he would have his trailer available for the float. Whoever wants to be in charge of the float is welcome. It was suggested to decorate it at the Lowes parking lot the morning of the parades. It was suggested to ask the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub if they would like to participate with WCEC, and they can advertise their organization.

Dave, N8NWW, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 9:34 pm

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Tammy Smith Unit 299M,
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369,
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Dave Wright N8NWW/Unit 285