



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Inc.

Minutes of September 5, 2017

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 14 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 1, 2017 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. 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 Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the receiver on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver is still off the air. The repeater seems to be working okay. He is able to hit the repeater with a Hand Held outside the building at Lubeck. He said that Bill, N8JXO, and Sammy, N8SVX, operated two additional remote receivers for use during the Half Marathon. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said there was nothing to report on the donation letters.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date. He said there is some information about the event of September 11, 2001 on the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was getting the Communications Trailer ready to take to the Homecoming, he ran into a Yellow Jacket bee problem. While at the homecoming the Yellow Jacket problem was taken care of. He didn't put the solar panels back on the top of the trailer when he brought it back because it was going to be taken to Mountwood Park for the Volcano Days Festival in a few weeks. He said that when he brings it back from Volcano Days he will put the solar panels back on the roof to keep the batteries charged up for the winter.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the Mountwood Park 443.175 MHz repeater is still in good working order. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wasn't able to hit the repeater while he was in Marietta.

A report on the Jackson County 444.150 MHz repeater is still on hold. While Ken, WA8LLM, was in Marietta he talked to some of the Amateurs from the Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints about installing the repeater in Williamstown so they can use it for their nets.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't had time to get the CW Practice Transmitter back on



the air. He needs to get a Hand Held radio set up for remote control and hook it up the 100 Watt amplifier.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting they should keep their ARES information up-to-date.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours.

There was a reminder that if anyone wants to change their unit number they need to work with Cathy, KC8DJJ.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Pasta Diner that was held on August 30th. She said the dinner just broke even. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he updated Brad, KC8TYU's Amateur License by changing his mailing address. Ken said that if anyone wants to have their FCC password stored on his Personal Security Question Database, he would add it there.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got the last couple pages of the Field Day Report completed, and has sent it to the ARRL. He forgot to bring a copy of it to the meeting. He said that he would have it at the October meeting.

There was a reminder that anyone who hasn't completed their basic NIMS courses of 100, 200, 700, and 800 should work on them. Bill, N8JXO, said the link to the courses is on the website.

There was a reminder to get people to register their Kroger Card. Copies of the Kroger fliers were available at the meeting.

Rick, WV8DOC, gave a report on the Everbridge system. Rick said that he has a lot of the members in the system. There may be some more that need to be added. Rick wanted to know about using the system for activities other than emergencies. He was advised to use it for whatever he felt it should be used.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he talked to Tim Miller a couple days before the meeting that he was going to have a landscape business clean up the Mountwood tower site. He is going to remove the reminder from the agenda.

There was a reminder about the Hamfest on October 14th. Joe, KD8YVB, gave a list of some of the door prizes that he has. He is waiting for 10 Hand Held radios that will be used as door prizes. Five of them will be given away this year, and five next year. Terry, KC8TUE, has ordered the radios for next year's Hamfest. He also gave a list of the door prizes that he has received. The main prizes for this year have been available since last year's Hamfest. Bill, N8JXO, said that he would like to have a list of all the door prizes that have been put together so far, including the ones that Dave, N8NWV, brought to the August meeting. Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be some more door prizes after the Pipeline Class that will be held on September 12th. 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. He was going to talk to Mark at the past dinner, but another subject came up and he forgot about it. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder about the canopies, tables, and possibly the chairs for a wedding in October. The set up time for the wedding will be at about 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 5th.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be operating a Special Event Station during the Volcano Days Festival. The Special Event Station will be operated from about 8:00 am to about 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 23rd.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Homecoming BINGO. The homecoming activities seemed to be down. By not have it on Sunday the funds from the BINGO games were down. The homecoming committee still charged the vendors the same as if it were three days. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Half Marathon. There was a couple minor clock problems, but the races officials were very satisfied with our participation. Ken told the race officials about the problems, but they said that it was no problem. They said there are very few races where there are race clocks at each mile marker. The two additional remote receivers on the 147.255 MHz repeater made the communications for the race a lot better. He said the only communications problems were at the Race Control having interference problems from the pagers in down town Parkersburg. The dual band cross band repeater wouldn't let the Touch Tone, to start the race, pass through the repeater system. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, and Rick, WV8DOC, gave reports on the Public Safety Fair at the Parkersburg City Park on the same day as the August WCEC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call during the Homecoming about the use of a 24 by 40 canopy at the Broad Street Church of Nazarene. There was nothing mentioned about a donation for the canopy. We will just have to wait and see.

Mineral Wells VFD needed a 24 by 40 canopy for their Pig Roast on Saturday, September 9th.

The Chic-Fil-A Cross Country races will be held on September 9th. There will also be Cross Country races on September 19th and on October 3rd. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she is going to order two new 24 by 40 canopy tops. Cathy said that it has been six years since the last time we ordered canopy tops. They should be in hand before the wedding on October 7th.

Rick, WV8DOC, suggested that we review the Emergency Operations Plan and update it. Bill, N8JXO, said the Emergency Operations Plan is on the www.wc8ec.org /



www.wc8ec.com website.

There will be a Pipeline Class at the Nemesis Shiners building, 244 Watson Road off, of Route 50. The class will be held on September 12th. If you haven't received an invitation, to let Ken, WA8LLM, know so that he can sign you up. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenny, WV8EER. Meeting adjourned. Meeting over at 8:40 pm

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 259, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Joseph Rice KD8YVB/Unit 275, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Kenny Roberts WV8EER/Unit 273