## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC. Minutes of December 4, 2018

Before the monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order, the group enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner. Ken, WA8LLM, thanked everybody for the food they brought.

A short Business meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 30 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the November 6, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion passed. 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, KD8WHN. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seemed to be working just fine with no problems reported.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't have anything to report on Donation letters.

Bill, N8JXO, said both of the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites were as up-to-date as they can be.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't acquired a canopy or tarp to cover the Communications Trailer to prevent water from leaking through roof. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater is off the air. A short discussion followed.

The Digital Microwave equipment from the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services is still on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Jim Mangus, WB8YST, at the last SIRN (State Interoperability Radio Network) meeting. Jim didn't know much about the Amateur Regulation on Microwave.

Ken, has put the CW Practice Transmitter on hold for a while.

The members were reminded to keep their ARES information up-to-date. ARES Forms were available at the sign-in table and are available on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites. There was a short discussion about what may happen with ARES after the first of the year.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they want their FCC Password saved in his database to let him know.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, they are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites.

There was reminder to keep your Amateur Radio activity hours up to date.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she hasn't done anything about Fund Raising projects, but is thinking about something around April next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he now has a new printer and will print up some new fliers for Kroger Fund Raiser. He reminded everyone to ask their friends and relatives to register their Kroger Card. The new registration number is HL123.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as it can be with the WCEC Roster. He has added Don, N8NUS, to the system. If anyone is not getting notifications that Rick has been sending, should let Rick know so he can get the problems corrected.

The application for WV Surplus application is on hold for a little while.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't been able to get with Mark Hendershot about installing the old Tyler County tower at the Field Day site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the ID Cards for 2019 were completed and were at the sign-in table. He said that information on some of the Medical Forms are out of date, and some of the pictures need to be updated. Maybe we can work on them during the year and have them ready when the 2020 ID Cards are printed next year.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the changing of the Public Safety frequencies is on hold by the E-911 Central Organization.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave another report on the Hamfest that was held on October 13th.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked for a show of hands of the people who thought we should try to operate the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair & Exposition. Very few people raised their hands. Ken read the contract to the group. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since it was a very short time to get Raffle Tickets printed and sold, that he had talked to some of the members after the last meeting they decided to change the drawing date to the WCEC meeting date of February 5th. Ken had tickets at the sign-in table. A few tickets have already been sold.

Bill, N8JXO, has the Amazon Smile information on the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com websites. The group was reminded to use Smile.Amazon.com when purchasing anything from Amazon and be sure to select Wood County Emergency Communications as their charitable organization.

Before the Dinner and Meeting got started, Ken, WA8LLM, had several pieces of the racing clocks he is rebuilding for show-n-tell. He is hoping to have one at the racing clocks at the January meeting.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing will be held on December 8th at noon Parkersburg North End Library. Cathy, KC8DJJ, says she has at least one person who wants to take a test. Matt, KD8WHN, says that a couple Sheriff Deputies would like to attend a one-day Technician Class if one gets planned. A short discussion followed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a discussion and it was decided to return to the Lubeck Civic Center for the monthly meetings.

Lisa, KB8UER, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Elma Lang, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 266, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 267, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Jim Petterson, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Kim Rose KD8ITH, Jim Rose KD8ITI, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Brianna Harris Unit 299B, Brian Harris Unit 299E, Jeremiah Schaffer, Kaitlyn Puffenbarger, Laila Allen, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G,