



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of July 3, 2018

Before the meeting started a W5YI VE Extra Exam was given to Kenny Roberts WV8EER, who passed his exam.

The monthly WCEC Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 14 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 5, 2018 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Dave, N8NWV, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. 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 Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Matt, N8MDG, about switching out the Motorola Link Receivers at the repeater transmitter site with the Retevis H777 transceivers. Matt said since the Retevis H777 transceivers have a wide front end on receive, that wouldn't be a good thing to do. Since there are several commercial UHF transmitters and paging system, it would cause problems. Matt said he thought he had about 4 more Motorola transceivers, like the ones that are there, that he would donate to the organization to be used as link receivers. He said we will need to have a better UHF distribution preamp for the added receivers, and he had an idea for one. Ken has ordered the preamp, it was only about \$40. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back about any of the Donation letters that he has sent out.

Bill, N8JXO, said the www.wc8ec.org / www.wc8ec.com website is up to date. He was working on it at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has got the tire repaired, and took the Communications Trailer to Field Day. The trailer will stay at the Field Day until the ground dries out from all the rain over Field Day. The trailer can be moved if it is needed in an emergency.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't tested the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater lately, but he's sure that it is still working.

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, said that nothing has been done with the CW Practice Transmitter. He



said that Field Day has taken up a lot of his time, and now with the Homecoming and Half Marathon coming up, he won't have much time to work on the CW Practice Transmitter.

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 website. Ken, WA8LLM, talked about some of the changes that are coming to the ARES program. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours. The hours can be turned into either Terry, KC8TUE, or himself.

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

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the Hot Dog Supper is still going to be held on July 21st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cathy said that she is trying to think of other fund raising activities, but she is going to be busy when school starts with Colt, KD8UAC, being in the Big Red band. As soon as she hears back about the building on South Side she will know more about the Fall Fest she may be holding.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who hasn'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 website.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Kroger about their quarterly donation. We will be receiving a check in the amount of \$66.19. Ken reminded everyone to talk to their friends and relatives, and to have them register their Kroger Card. Fliers were available on the sign-in table.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Everbridge system.

The filling out of the WV Surplus application is still a work in progress. Nothing has been done with it lately.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since the weather was so bad over the Field Day weekend, he didn't get to talk to Mark Hendershot about installing the old Tyler County tower at the Wood County Field Day site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to wire brush and paint 31 chairs before the Parkersburg Homecoming. He also needs to wash the mud off the 20 chairs that he took to Field Day.

Nothing has been done with the WCEC ID Cards.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report on the changing of the Public Safety frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he started putting all of the door prizes for the Hamfest together



so he can make up list, and give to Bill, N8JXO. He found some other door prizes that weren't given away at last year's Hamfest. Everyone should keep getting more door prizes, since a pile of prizes given away every five minutes helps with the funds that we receive at the Hamfest. Ken said that he is waiting to hear back from Al Carpenter, W8OP, about checking QSL Cards. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th. Set up will be at about 5:00 pm on Thursday, the 16th.

There was a reminder Volcano Days BINGO will be held September 28th, 29th, and 30th, at Mountwood Park.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 18th. Ken, WA8LLM, says most of the Mile Marker assignments have been filled. He would like to have two operators at each Mile Marker, each with a radio in case one operator doesn't hear the start gun or tone. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. He hasn't sent the report in yet, but he may do that in the next few days. Dan Ringer, K8WV, the WV ARRL Section Manager visited the Field Day site. Anyone who has pictures of Field Day should get them to Ken so he can put the paper report put together and sent in. He will send the electronic report to the ARRL, but he needs to get the paper report ready to send to them. A very lengthy discussion followed on the problems and how changes will be made for next years Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Field Day is over, he can start working on the racing clocks and try to get the remote start problems corrected. He hopes to have them all ready for the Parkersburg Half Marathon.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the WC8EC License has been renewed for ten years.

NEW BUSINESS

The only new business was a reminder the August meeting will be held at the Lubeck Civic Center after the annual cover dish picnic.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8DLX. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kenny Roberts WV8EER/Unit 362, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Mike Dooley KJ4VZV

