



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 3, 2019

Before a short business meeting was called to order the group enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner. Ken, WA8LLM, thanked everyone who brought food and drinks to the dinner. He also thanked everyone for the service they provided this year.

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 21 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the November 5, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has had no bad reports about the 147.255 MHz Repeater, and it seem working okay except for the programming of the ID Code after ten minutes.

Bill, N8JXO, said the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com are still up and working. He said he needed copies of a couple WCEC meeting minutes that are missing from the site. Bill said he forgot to bring a copy of the bill for the domain name which he has paid.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still sitting down at the bottom of his driveway. He said that he has been in the trailer a couple times after it has rained, and it doesn't look like the roof is leaking. He hasn't done anything about installing the solar panels on the roof, or any batteries yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is back on the air. He was going to hang the antenna that he removed from the Mountwood Park tower, but then he remembered that he already had a 443 MHz antenna on the top of the 84 foot tower at he house. Ken checked the power on the repeater. He said that it is putting out 17 Watts with no reflected power. The repeater doesn't have the coverage that it did when it was working at Mountwood Park, but it is on the air. Nick Adams, KE8GCN, wants to put something like an Echolink system on the repeater. Ken said that it would be okay.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their ARES registration up-to-date. The ARES forms can be found on the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who haven't taken the NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, should try to complete them. The courses are accessible through the training link on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their activities hours up-to-date and turn them into him.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there haven't been any fund raising activities scheduled yet.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Hendershot Tower. The tower is still at 65 feet. He said that he went to the site after the hard wind storm a few days ago, and the tower didn't show any damage. Ken does want to change out some of the hardware on the guy wires. He said Joe, N8MEV, is building a new Gin Pole so we can finish putting the last three sections of tower up. Ken said the Gin Pole he built 40 years ago was made out of heavy duty steel pipe, and it seems to be getting heavier every year he uses it. Ken said that he ordered coax for the antennas to go on the tower. He thought what he ordered was two 500 foot rolls of coax, but what he got was 10, 100 foot pieces of coax. It won't be any major problem since the tower is only gone to be up 95 feet. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, he received the check from Kroger that they were having trouble getting printed. He reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives try to register their Kroger discount cards. We should be receiving an E-Mail from Kroger shortly letting us know how much money will be donated for this quarter. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call from Larry Barnhart, KE8GXL, who is one of the Pleasants County Commissioners about some county hand held radios. During their conversation, they talked about the use of the county tower to place the old Tyler County Amateur repeater of 147.39 MHz. Ken said that he has talked to Tom Cooper, WV8TOM, while attending a Drone class in Tyler County. Ken said that as soon as he can get time, he will go back up to Tyler County and get the old repeater and duplexers. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, said the county fire repeater system seems to be working okay with the new frequencies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a deposit of \$13.00 from smile.amazon.com on November 12th. Ken wanted to remind all of the members to have their friends and relatives that order anything from Amazon to do it through smile.amazon.com and set up charitable contribution to Wood County Emergency Communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new tires for the Chair Trailer. Before he could take the trailer to the race track for the fund raising event, he had to get new tires on the trailer. When the canopy, tables, and chairs trailers were brought back from the event, they were taken to Joe, N8MEV, house. Joe has put new working lights and safety chains on the chair and table trailers. The canopy trailer is still at Joe's house where it can be modified for the new BINGO tables when he gets the new canopy trailer built.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he purchased minute cards for the Tracfone with the debit card he received from the donation for the use of the canopy at the Hospice Memorial On October 13th. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said he received a telephone call from Ross, Clegg with the city of Parkersburg. He wanted Ken to meet him at the new Fire Station #2, to talk about communications, and things that are lacking. Ken and Bill, N8JXO, met with Ross and discussed things that should be added. Within a few days Ken got a Text message from Ross saying the city took the recommendations and are having additional telephone lines and Internet service. Rick

Woodard, the Wood County Emergency Services Director has also met with Ross, and wants to make the fire station a backup E-911 Center. Ken said the city will be holding some kind of exercise around the first of April, 2020, and we may be involved. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Kendale, KD8QAK, attended a drone training class in Tyler County on November 23rd. Ken described some of the laws, and rules and regulations of flying a drone. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 267, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 266, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272