WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC. Minutes of February 5, 2019

The monthly Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, Director. There were 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the January 1, 2019, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported 147.255 MHz Repeater is working just fine.

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

Since Bill, N8JXO, was at the State Police Academy taking the ICS 300 course, and couldn't be at the meeting, there was no report on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Communications Trailer is still covered with HE new canopy, and the wind hasn't done any damage to it.

Matt, KD8WHN, said that he has been several locations, and hasn't been able to bring up the Mountwood 443.175 MHz repeater. When the weather getS better, Ken, WA8LLM, said he will try to get to the site and check on it.

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

The CW Practice Transmitter is still on hold for awhile due to other projects.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new ARRL reporting system is still being worked on, and that we can still give our ARES activity reports the same as in the past. 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. Don, N8NUS, turn in an updated ARES form.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that if they want their FCC Password saved in his Password database to let him know. Ken said the FCC is going to be changing the way to get into their Database. We will all need to register through the FCC CORES system. This is supposed to take effect somewhere around the first of March.

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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. They can be given to either Ken, WA8LLM, or Terry, KC8TUE.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she has not received any requests for unit number changes. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that plans are still in progress for a chicken dinner to be held on March 30th at the Lubeck Civic Center, from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. The price of the dinner is \$8:00.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to have their friends and relatives register their Kroger discount card. Anna, KC8JWW, brought the name and number of one person that needs to have the requisition checked. Fliers with the new number, and how to register still needs to be printed up.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Everbridge system is as up-to-date as to the information that he has for the members.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that due to the weather, nothing has been done about getting a location for the old Tyler County tower at the Field Day site. A short discussion followed.

Matt, KD8WHN, gave a report on the changing of the Public Safety frequencies. The fire fighter association is thinking about starting to use the SIRN (State Interoperability Radio Network) for their primary communications. He said the fire fighter association is hoping to have new frequencies in a couple months. A short discussion followed.

Brent, KD8DLX, drew the winning ticket for the Generator. The winner was of the generator was Charity Nakanechney. The group is thinking about holding another raffle. They don't know what it will be yet. Everyone is to think about what we might want to raffle off. It was suggested to be something related to emergency use, such at a Buddy heater, or battery jump kit, etc. The item should cost around \$100.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone who purchases anything from Amazon, they should do it through smile.amazon.com. WCEC will receive a donation of .5% of all purchases.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought one of the rebuilt racing clocks to the meeting to show what is being done with them. He is hoping to have most of the clocks rebuilt before the first road race in April. A lengthy discussion followed.

There was reminder about the One Day Technician class to be held on February 9th at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street in Parkersburg. Upgrade tests will also be available. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she may have another person who wants to take the class. Ken, WA8LLM said that he went to NOE Office, and had 30 copies of the Technician Question Pool. We have no idea how many people are going to take the class. If we don't use all of the Question Pools, we can use them at future classes.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she saw the Challenge at Mountwood, Mountain Bike Race will be held on April 7th. We have not been asked yet for any help, but keep it on your calendar.

The Vienna River Road Fun Run will be held on April 27th. There was a discussion on where to meet at, before the race, for the race since the Hardees in Vienna has closed down.

Matt, KD8WHN, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 254, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 262, Scooby Sawyer AK9DOG,

Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 264, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 265, Gabriella Lamp Unit 299G, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272,