



WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Minutes of November 5, 2019

The monthly business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were only 10 members and guests present.

A Moment of Silence was held for Harold Dooley, N8KO, who passed away on October 26th.

A motion to accept the October 1, 2019 minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Kendale, KD8QAK. 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 Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 MHz Repeater seems to be working okay except for the programming the ID Code after ten minutes. Ken says he needs to get the programming book out and try to find the right code to correct the problem.

Since Terry, KC8TUE, has moved out of the area to Ravenna, Ohio, there was no report on donation letters. It was decided to drop any discussion about donation letters until someone else can work on them.

Since Bill, N8JXO, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com websites. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he thinks Bill has paid for the website domain name and will be presenting a bill for the cost.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would still like to install four new batteries in the Communications Trailer. Since there hasn't been enough rain, it can't be determined if the roof leaks have been corrected. Ken said that after Volcano Days he purchased a set of four solar panels. He's thinking about installing the solar panels permanently on the top of the trailer to keep



the batteries charged, when they get installed. He said the radios need to be put back in place. They needed to be taken out to keep them from getting wet when the roof was leaking. Since the refrigerator and Microwave oven don't work, Ken said he may remove them and make the space available for new ones. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 443.175 MHz repeater is still sitting at his house. He's thinking about installing the antenna on one of the towers at his house and put it on the air there for a while. Plans are to install the repeater at the new tower site when it gets completed.

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. A lengthy discussion followed.

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 hasn't been any fund-raising activities scheduled yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the donation check from Krogers that should have been received by the end of September, but it never showed up. Ken has contacted Kroger, and they said they were having a problem getting the donation checks printed. They said that problem has been corrected, and we should be receiving a check within a couple weeks. The check did show up a few days before the meeting.

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

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



Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the old Tyler County tower. He said that after Volcano Days, Bill, N8JXO, dug the holes for the tower. A few days later concrete for the base and anchors was poured. A week after the concrete was poured, Joe, N8MEV, Sammy, N8SVX, and himself started installing the tower. They got rained out after getting 35 feet of tower put up. On the following Monday they put three more sections of tower up. The tower is up 65 feet. Until the weather gets better the last three sections are on hold. Ken has built three outriggers for the first three J-Pole antennas. He needs to purchase coax for the antennas. The tower site is mostly going to be a transmitter site. The receive tower site is located at his house about a mile away. Plans are to have a couple HF antennas for HF Packet. Ken said that we need to identify the tower with a name. The name of Hendershot Farm Tower was suggested. A lengthy discussion followed about having a small building, and getting a wind generator, and solar panels, and batteries for the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call from Larry Barnhart, one of the Pleasant County Commissioners. Larry had issues with the Walkie-Talkies they purchased for the CERT Team. Ken and Larry talked about the Walkie-Talkies, and then talked about trying to install the old Tyler County repeater on the county tower on Rt 16. Larry said that he would bring it up at the next county commission meeting. Larry told Ken to talk to Randy Kinsolving, WB8OHX, from Miller Communications, and have him call Larry to let him know if there will be any interference with any of the county radio systems.

Since Matt, KD8WHN, wasn't at the meeting, there was no report about the changing of the county fire frequencies

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last deposit from smile.amazon.com was on August 9th. There should be another deposit soon. 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 last cross county races of the year which were held on October 8th. At the end of the races the race official presented a check to WCEC for the help with this year's races and canopies for medical tents and other uses.



Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Hamfest. She turned in the working money, and the money from the tickets sales. With the ticket sales money, and the donation that Lisa, KB8UER, received from Waste Management, the Hamfest was a good success.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopy that was set up for the Hospice Memorial on October 13th. Two weeks after the memorial, WCEC received a donation in the form of a debit card. Ken said that since it couldn't be deposited in the checking account, he used the debt card to purchase minute cards for the groups Tracfone Cell Phones.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the benefit at the Ohio Valley Speedway. The benefit group borrowed both of WCECs 24 by 40 canopies, all the tables. and all the chairs. Before we could take the chair trailer to the event it needed to have new tires put on it. After the benefit event was over, a cash donation was given to WCEC. When the trailers were brought back, they were left at Joe, N8MEVs, house. Ken and Joe are going to put safety chains and lights on the trailers. A short discussion about all of the trailers followed.

There was a short discussion about having a new Deputy Director for WCEC. It was suggested to hold off filling the position since Terry, KC8TUE, hasn't sent a registration. Some of the members feel he may return. Filling the position will be on hold for a while.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM. said that he is searching for coax for the antennas for new tower. It was suggested that we contact some of the public safety agencies and businesses for donation for the coax. A short discussion followed.

There was a short discussion about the new tire safety chains and lights on the chairs trailer and chairs trailers. Joe, N8MEV, donated the trailers to WCEC many years ago.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he purchased Minute Cards for the four Tracfone Cell Phones that are used with the portable telephone system. Ken said



we need that since the portable telephone system hasn't been used for a while, that we should have a class on the system.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to hold a Christmas Dinner at the December Business meeting, seconded by Matt, KD8GPW. Motion carried.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282