

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
May 6, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

Minutes from the April 1, 2003 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater. He said that he's been working on the weather receiver for the repeater, but no luck yet. The receiver has audio coming out the speaker, but it's not receiving any signals. He thinks the receiver got hit by lightning. That's all that's been done on the repeater this past month.

Ken, WA8LLM, is checking on prices of backhoes so that Joe, N8MEV, can finish digging the basement for the Base of Operations building. Joe thinks he can dig the basement in one day's time.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the Schoolboy Regatta. Since the regatta is on the Dayton weekend, he won't be able to help. He said that over the years of helping them with the regatta, they have been using the communicators less and less.

Lisa, KB8UER, says there have been no changes to the Map of Area Amateurs.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that he and Ken, KB8QPW, have completed the work on the tower located behind Network Associates. The re-guying job was part of the requirement for use of the wc8ec.com website. They are now helping Brian Harper, who owns Network Associates install an 85 foot self supporting tower at his house.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that it is getting closer to ordering the BINGO licenses. Even though we have enough money to order the license, we want to wait until the insurance for MOBILECOM-1 is ironed out. We shouldn't have a 60 day waiting period which is normal for new BINGO licenses. He will apply for the licenses as soon as the Memorial Day Safety break is over. The Memorial Day Safety Break is listed under New Business.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the ARRL Level One Emergency Communications class that is being held in Athens is not a certification class. The class still needs to be taken on the Internet, or have a couple of certified instructors come in and administer the certification test. Ken will check on the certification further.

There was a very short discussion about Field Day. No one showed any interest in operating Field Day this year.

There was a reminder and a short discussion about the Triathlon that will be held on July 5, 2003. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will get more information on when we need to be there.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Easter Safety Break.

There still has been no official notification from Eastwood VFD about using our canopies, tables, and chairs.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge At Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Terry, KC8AOF, was under the weather that weekend, so he was unable to bring the WCEC UHF Repeater system. The WCEC UHF Repeater system was connected to a spare UHF antenna and covered the race course just fine. The temporary remote receiver for the 147.255 repeater didn't work as we had hoped. There were only a couple of semi minor injuries during the race. One of them was transported to the hospital to be checked out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Kids Bike Rodeo went pretty well. We had an Amateur Radio station set up under the canopy and had MOBILECOM-1 opened for visitors to look at. There were only about 101 kids that showed up for the event. Ken said that we should be getting a donation check for the use of the canopies, PA system, tables, and chairs.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that W5YI testing would be held on June 14, 2003. If anyone knows of anyone that has been studying for the test, they need to take it before June 30, 2003. That's when the present Question Pool expires. Ray, N8TWV, wanted to know if there was any other testing near Charleston. His daughter graduates from college Saturday and is going to start studying for her license.

Anna, KC8JWW, brought up for discussion about the Vienna Road Run. It was on short notice that we were asked to help. We didn't find out about the race until Tuesday before the race on Saturday, April 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about changing out the Packet Radio at the Red Cross a few weeks ago but, the TNC, which is a KPC-2, just wasn't what it should be. Ken, KB8QPW, found a KPC-3 TNC on the Internet and won the bid. The Red Cross Packet station is working better now than it ever has. Ken, WA8LLM, paid for the TNC and will get his money back at a later date.

Ken, KB8QPW, found, and won, the bid for a couple of 800 mHz trunking

radios on the Internet. When we tried to get them programmed, we found out they are not the right type of trunking radio. We have more information about the radios, so we are going to put them back on the Internet and try to get our money back. When Ryan Sarver, KC8IOG, left the area, he left us with a couple of Johnson 800 MHz radios. Randy, WB8OHX, from Miller Communications, thinks they may be the right type to be used on the 800 MHz JEMNET system. Sam, N8SVX just needs to find where they have been stored.

A schedule for the Memorial Day Safety was passed around. The Safety Break will run from 6:00 am on Friday, May 23rd to 6:00 pm on Monday, May 26, 2003. Even though the letter from the Department of Highways says the Safety Break is from May 20th through May 26th, it is only from May 23rd through May 26th.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a road run that will be held on May 10th, starting at the YWCA on Dudley Avenue going to the Parkersburg City Park and going back to the YWCA. We have not been officially asked to help with the race. The subject was brought up, just in case we are asked to help.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about an activity that is supposed to be held in Wirt County. There's going to be a parade maybe a mile and two miles long. As many as 60 to 100 thousand people are going to be in attendance. There's a possibility a chance that we will be used to coordinate the transporting of those attending by bus. If we need to talk to the Wirt County School buses, we need to program our radios. The cost is about 25 dollars. Ken suggested that we replace the two Johnson Radios and the two 16 channel Amateur radios with four new Yaesu FT-1500 radios that can be modified to work on all the High Band frequencies that we might need. The Johnson Radios would be installed back in the concession trailer where they used to be. Terry, KC8TUD, made a motion to purchase the four radios, motion seconded by Rick, KC8VLM. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was contacted by Mark Hendershot from the Deerwalk VFD, asking to use the canopies, tables, and chairs for their Ice Cream Social which will be held on June 14th. He also asked if we would run the BINGO games and split the money. There was a discussion about operating the games. Since there was enough people that would help run the games, the organization will set up and operate the games for the Fire Department.

The Mountain Classic 10K Road Run will be held on June 14th, the same day as the Deerwalk Ice Cream Social, and the W5YI testing. Anna, KC8JWW would pass the word back to Mark Hendershot.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to ACORDIA about the insurance money

that is supposed to be reimbursed from the cancelled insurance for MOBILECOM-1. They said not to pay any more of the \$128.05 to AFCCO. Whatever amount of money is over the financed amount will be returned to WCEC and be deposited back in the checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a Thank You letter from Mountwood Park for the help the communications that we provided for the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race.

The Artsbridge Festival will be held on May 28th at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. The activity will run from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Anyone wanting to help should just show up.

Denise, KC8TUF, talked about the Lloyd and Lea Middleton Dolls that were donated to be raffled off. The tickets are one dollar each and the drawing will be at August 5th WCEC business meeting. It was suggested that pictures be put on the wc8ec.com website. Ken, KB8QPW, will check on the legality of putting it on the website. Denise has also been making telephone calls getting other donations. So far, she has acquired a 20 dollar donation from Hertz, a 25 dollar donation from Bosely, and 857 bags of chips from her boss. Additional donations can be acquired for future Safety Breaks. She also talked about other telephone calls that she made.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the yearly picnic. There was a short discussion, about having the picnic at the Parkersburg City Park, where it has been held for the last couple years.

Judy, N8UFQ, reminded everyone about the Parkersburg Half Marathon, which will be held on August 16.

Dave, KC8VLK, said the Lubeck Ice Cream Social will be held on August 9th, and they will need the organization's canopies.

Dot, KC8HAI, brought up for discussion about some do's and don'ts at the Safety Break.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked for any corrections that needed to be made on the membership roster. Contact needs to be made with some of the members who's license have either expired or is going to expire.

There was a reminder about the River Sweep activity which will be held on June 21, 2003.

Ken, KB8QPW, said the reason that Roger, KB8QPX, was not at the meeting was because his Father-in-law passed away. Ken was going to find out where he is at so that we can send flowers.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Dannie Jones KC8VSR, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Jeff Scott, KC8EEQ, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Paul Brilman KC8UHH/Unit 262, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Boyles, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Kyle Riser, Ryan Riser, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268