

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
October 7, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 28 members and guests present.

Minutes from the September 2, 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 system. Ken said that he hasn't had time to make it up to the repeater to check the power, but it doesn't seem to be doing that bad. It's possible that it may have just been band conditions that made it sound like it was running on low power. The Rockport Remote Receiver has been hit by lightning, and is not on the air. Ken will try to put together another Remote Receiver to get it back into operation. Ken met with Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, at the Elizabeth tower site on Elizabeth Hill. They mounted a radio cabinet on the side of the Department of Highways transmitter building. All he has to do is hang the antennas and install the Remote Receiver and Packet station. After he was finished at Elizabeth, he went to Wetzel County to look over the tower site where he will install two antennas, one for the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) Packet station, and one the other one for the Wetzel County DAREN Packet station. He also gave a report on the tower site located, near Deerwalk, on the property of Max Barker, KC8JHI. The first section of tower and the anchors have been concreted in. The first chance he gets he will put up the rest of the 60 foot of tower. He said that he will try to get the Remote Receiver that was on Quincy Hill installed at the E-911 transmitter building on Core Road. This should cover the Parkersburg area until we can get on the Quincy Hill tower site. Terry, KC8TUE, had a dual band radio that he asked if it would work as a Remote Receiver. Ken hasn't had time to check it out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO. He said we were down about 200 dollars from last year.

The last Yaesu FT-1500M has been installed in MOBILECOM-1. Now they just need to be set up to scan different frequencies.

There was a reminder about the W5YI testing on Saturday October 11th.

Anna, KC8JWW, asked about the trip that Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI took to Wheeling for BINGO. Ken gave a report on the BINGO seminar that needs to be attended each year so that we can keep getting our BINGO license. The seminar was held October 18th.

There were only two of the folding chairs sold at Volcano Days, we could have sold a truck load of umbrellas. We may look at that for next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, has not heard anything back from the Boy Scout council about the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). But he did meet with the Boy Scouts of Troop 124 sponsored by the Deerwalk VFD. They are going to operate one or two JOTA stations at the same location as WCEC operated Field Day back in June. They will set up a couple of antennas and camp out Saturday night.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that whenever a group of Amateurs want to take the test for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course, Level One, that Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, would bring a group of volunteer examiners in to administer the exams. Ken, wanted to know if the organization would want to pay the ten dollars for each member that would take the test. There wasn't anything decided about WCEC paying the exam fee. It was suggested about having a one day or two day course on some weekend, to go over the course and then have a testing group come in and give the tests after the members have time to study the questions. It was suggested, there may also be grant money left over from the exams that given at Jackson's Mill.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the foot race that was held on the Saturday, September 27th, during Volcano Days. The race was not called the Pepsi/Volcano Days race, since Pepsi didn't sponsor it this year.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the High School Invitational Cross Country foot races that were held on the same day as the Volcano Days race.

There was also a report on the Cross County finals that were held on September 30th. The next Cross Country races will be held on November 1st at the County Fair ground in Mineral Wells.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the new antennas that were purchased for the new antenna tower sites. He said the antennas, which are Diamond CP-22E, are a better antenna than the Ringo Ranger 2B antennas. Ken said that he would have liked to have had one of the antennas for the Lubeck Fun Run which was held October 4th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Washington Bottom VFD borrowed eight of the UHF Walkie/Talkies for their activity on October 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Yaesu FT-1500M have dropped in price again. The price is now \$119.95. Cathy, KC8DJJ, says she wants two, one for the house and one for the truck, Terry, KC8TUE, wants two, Rick, KC8VLM wants one, and Don, N8EVP, wants one. It was suggested that the

organization purchase ten radios while the price is low, then any of the members who would like to purchase one or two could donate the cost of the radio over time. It suggested to sell the radios at a donation price of \$125.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Ken, KB8QPW, made a motion to purchase 10 radios, Denise, KC8TUF, seconded the motion, motion passed to purchase the radios.

Lisa, KB8UER, talked about building a permanent shelter at Mountwood Park, and at the County Fair grounds to be used for BINGO games. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would talk to each of the locations to see if we can do it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Red Cross needs to borrow one of the canopies for an activity which will be held on October 24th and 25th.

There was a report on the Advanced SKYWARN Class that was held at the Civil Air Patrol building on September 23rd.

The pictures that were taken at the September meeting turned out a little yellow, so there would be pictures taken again after the meeting, and the members can choose which one they want on the ID card.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Dannie Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ryan Riser, Scott Jones Kyle Riser,