

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 23 members and guests present at the meeting.

Minutes from the January 6, 2004 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 wanted to know if anyone has heard the strange signal on the output frequency of the repeater. He's not sure if there's an intermod problem, or what it is. If anyone hears any voice and can make out anything, he needs to know so we can track it down. As far as the repeater, there hasn't been anything done due to the weather.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about teaching a one day ARRL Level One Emergency Communications class. No date has been set. If anyone has any ideas of when or where to have a class, let him know. He would like to have all the WCEC members get as least Level One. After we have enough people ready to take the test, he will get the examiners to come in and administer the test.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Major Project meeting at Mountwood Park should be held sometime this month. He will contact Mountwood before the next meeting to see if anything is going to be done about building a shelter for the BINGO games at Volcano Days,

Denise, KC8TUF, handed out the medical cards that she had finished. Anyone who doesn't have a card and wants one, they need to fill out the form, and Denise will make out the card.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class which was held on January 31st, and February 1st, at the 911 Center. There was ten members from the organization that took the class. Ken will keep the group posted when the next class will be held, so others can take the course. Ken explained a little bit about the CERT activity. Everyone who completes the course will also be issued a CERT ID card which will be issued by the West Virginia

Department of Motor Vehicles.

There was a reminder of the W5YI testing that would be held on February 14th at the 911 building at 6:00 pm.

The letters requesting the Safety Breaks have been mailed to the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who were purchasing the Yaesu Ft-1500, they can pay a little bit at a time toward them.

There was also a reminder of any activities which happened at any of the Safety Breaks that anyone wants write about, should be given to Anna, KC8JWW, so she can put them into a little book.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a disaster drill held in Washington County on February 16th. Ken WA8LLM, read the scenario of the drill. We don't know if we will be involved, but we should take advantage of the drill. We would like to practice using Packet radio. Anyone that would be available should try to get involved with the drill.

The Fayette Hamfest will be held on Sunday, February 29th.

The Charleston Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 20.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on why the WCEC website of WC8EC.COM, was not in operation for a few days, in the last week or so.

Terry, KC8TUE, is now doing the WCEC Newsletter. He says there's a few problems, but the Newsletter will look better in the months to come. Anyone who has articles for the newsletter should get them to Terry.

Mansfield Hamfest will be held on Sunday, February 8th.

There was a discussion about the articles being written by the ARRL who is trying to get the FCC to restructure the Ham Licensing, by upgrading all Novice, Technician, and Technician Plus to General, and dropping the Morse Code requirement on all classes except the Extra Class.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Sam Mercer

N8SVX/Unit 256, Danni Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,