

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 35 members and guests present at the meeting.

Minutes from the December 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. He said the problem with the repeater keying up in the mornings was not the Core Road receiver like he first suspected, it was the Williamstown Remote Receiver. It was just the squelch that needed to be tightened a little bit. He thinks it may have been the colder temperatures in the mornings changing the squelch level. He and Ken, KB8QPW, tried to use the duplexers that were purchased for the two dual band Walkie/Talkies, which were donated by Blain Auville, WA8IOE, but they didn't work. The Walkie/Talkies are okay, we just need to come up with a better idea for the antennas. With the weather starting to get too cold to work outside, we may have to wait a little bit to work on the two stations. Ken tried to put a Remote Receiver back on the air at Rockport, but it wanted to stayed keyed up all the time.

There was a short discussion about the ARRL Level One Course, and a few more Question Pools were handed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a telephone call from Mike, who is the president of the West Virginia Interstate Fair. Mike asked how hard it is to get a BINGO License. They are planning to have a monthly BINGO game at the fair grounds to help pay off the cost of the new building they built. Mike also asked if we would like to help run the games for them, and wanted to know how much we would charge. Ken said that if the organization would do it, that we would charge them the same amount they charge us for operating the BINGO games at the fair, 25 percent. Mike said that he may get back with us. We might want to hold off making any plans about building a shelter at the fair grounds, since we may not be running the games at the WV Interstate Fair much longer, but we do have them for this year. Ken thinks that we may not have to pay very much, or any at all, toward the building of a shelter at Mountwood

Park, we'll just have to wait and see. The park's major project meeting will be held sometime in February.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about ID Cards. There was only one or two more that needs to be passed out, and a couple more made up.

There was a discussion about the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks. Anna, KC8JWW, suggested that everyone write down anything that was unusual that happened, or people that we helped, during the Safety Breaks, and she will turn it into a little book. There was also a discussion about the Society of the Blind trying to get the Safety Breaks stopped. We are going to go ahead and send in the request for the Safety Breaks this year and just see what happens.

There was a discussion about the Christmas Parade, held December 6th. Ken, KB8QPW, reported the officials said there was only a couple of mistakes during the whole parade. The parade officials were satisfied with our help. Getting the parade participants to put their numbers where they can be read, would be a big help.

Denise, KC8TUF, passed out the work forms for the Medical Cards that she will be making up. These need to be turned into her so she can get the cards printed and laminated.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes that are being planned. He talked to Roger Bibbee, who said that he is trying to schedule a couple of classes. The Civil Air Patrol hasn't got back to him yet about a class for them. When ever there is a class being held, that members of WCEC can attend. He said that Roger would hold a class for WCEC, if we can get enough members to do the two day class. Ken showed the group the CERT bags that will be handed out after the CERT course has been completed.

There was a reminder to those who are purchasing the Yaesu FT-1500 radios, there is a list of who all has them, and how much they have paid so far.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be W5YI testing at the E-911 Center on February 14, at 6:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would try to start a list of activities which

will be coming up this summer.

There should be a Nelsonville Hamfest coming up shortly, but no one at the meeting knew when it would be.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Danni Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Scott Jones, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Steve Ashcraft KC4URI/Unit 291, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271