

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at about 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 24 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 1, 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. There still seems to be a problem with the Core Road Remote Receiver. Duane, N8LDM, says that he has straightened up the antenna, and thinks he has the beam antenna pointed the proper direction. He can hear signals coming out of the UHF Transmitter, but they don't seem to bring up the repeater. When time permits, Ken says he will stop by the site and try to figure out what is wrong. There still needs to be a letter sent to Dupont asking to install a Remote Receiver somewhere on their property to have coverage in the Washington Bottom area.

The shelter at Mountwood Park is on hold, but Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to some of the Deerwalk VFD Firemen, and they are thinking about building a shelter in the same area that we have been talking about. It's possible that we can share the cost of building the shelter.

Denise, KC8TUF, wasn't at the meeting, so there was no report about any new medical cards.

There hasn't been any reports about any new CERT Classes.

Ray, KC8RUJ, wants to borrow one of the ARRL Level 1 Emergency Communications Course books. Ken, WA8LLM, says there may be testing at the State Convention at Jacksons Mill, again this year. If they still have grant money that will make the cost of taking the test free. The convention will be held on August 28th and 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those purchasing the FT-1500, we need to get some money in the checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO licenses for the Fair, Homecoming, and

Volcano Days are in hand.

There has been no report back from Lou Molinaro about the T-Shirts from the Vienna River Road Run.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the two new 24 X 40 foot canopies are in hand, and will be used for the first time at the County Fair BINGO. There was no listing of BINGO games on Senior Citizen Day, so we don't know if we will have to set up the third canopy at the fair.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out the BINGO WORKER papers to those who are going to help work the BINGO games at the fair.

There was a report on the Deerwalk Ice Cream Social BINGO.

There was a report on the Ohio River Sweep. No one was at the 19th Street site, there was about 50 people at the Point in Parkersburg, and about 25 people showed up at the Williamstown site. Several communications people were available at the clean-up sites.

There was a reminder about the Parkersburg Half Marathon that will be held on August 21st. Anyone wanting to help should let either Ken, WA8LLM, or Judy, N8UFQ, know before the 21st of July so they can get the right size T-Shirts ordered.

There was a reminder about the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO, which will be operated August 20th, 21st, and 22nd. We will also be helping with the Homecoming Parade which will be held after the Half Marathon.

There will be High School Cross Country foot races September 18th.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Multiple Sclerosis, MS-150, which will be held September 11th & 12th. There needs to be communications people at every rest stop, which is about every ten miles. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a description of the routes that will be taken over the two days.

There was a reminder of the Volcano Days BINGO that will be held September 24th, 25th, and 26th at Mountwood Park.

There will also be an Airshow on September 26th, we need to plan on having communications at the Command Post, the Control Tower, at the Day's Inn parking location, and the WVUP parking location.

There was a report on the 4th of July Safety Break.

No one went to the Triathlon which was held on July 3rd, so there was nothing to report on it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the State Business has been filed, but no paper work has been returned.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Field Day activity. The official paperwork will be assembled and sent to the ARRL.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual WCEC Picnic/Meeting will be held on August 3rd at the Parkersburg City Park. It will be shelter #9, the same as last year. Just bring a covered dish, the meat, drinks, buns, and other condiments will be provided by the organization.

Waverly VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on August 7th. They haven't got a hold us yet, but they will probably want one of the canopies.

Lubeck VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on August 14th, and we will be taking the canopies to their social.

W5YI Testing will also be held on August 14th, at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

There will be a Grant Writing Class held on Friday, July 9th, at WVUP. The cost of the four hour class will be 30 dollars. If anyone wanting to go, the organization will pay the fee. We need to start looking at writing grants to help build the Base of Operations, when we get it underway.

Mike, KC8SIP, brought his new plastic antenna mast pipe for show-n-tell. He described how he made the parts fit together. The mast was made out of plastic plumbing material.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ, Colt Wotring, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Carol

Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Bob Smith KB8RNE,
Mary Smith, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit
263, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam
Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Sam Mercer
N8SVX/Unit 256,