

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. The May meeting was held at the Red Cross building due to a scheduling problem at the Emergency Services Conference Room. There were 25 members and guests present.

Minutes from the April 6, 2004, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing new has been done on the 147.255 repeater system. He thinks the voter still needs some work done on it. There seems to be a lot of chopping of signals when mobile units are moving. He will work on that as soon as he can. Ken said that he needs to get a letter written up to be presented to Dupont to install a remote receiver on Dupont property.

The shelter at Mountwood park has been put on hold until things have settled down with the administration.

Since Denise, KC8TUF, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the additional medical cards that she has been working on.

Roger Bibbee, the Community Emergency Response Team coordinator hasn't scheduled any more CERT training classes yet. Rick, KC8VLM, may be talking to him in a month or so. There's a possibility there may be another class some time in June.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who are buying the Yaesu FT-1500M radios, that we need to get some money put into the account so we can get the credit card paid off.

There was a reminder of the W5YI VE testing that will be held on June 12th, at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, has been in communications with Christy Conley, who is the coordinator of the Multiple Sclerosis MS-150. The MS-150 bike tour will be held on September 11th and 12th. He may hear back from her before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood mountain bike races. There was 23 radio operators that helped provide the safety communications. There was no major injuries, just a few minor ones. The only person that got lost was Ken after the race over and was trying to get back to the finish line.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Easter Safety Break. He went over the days and times the safety breaks can be held. Ken said that he is only going to apply for the three day safety breaks next year. Instead of trying to support the organization activities and equipment by safety breaks, we are going to try to apply for grant money.

Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on Saturday, August 21st. Any one being able to help with the race needs to let Judy, N8UFQ, or Ken, WA8LLM, know as soon as possible.

The Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to order the BINGO License.

There was a reminder of the Artsbridge activity coming up on Wednesday, May 26th. Anyone that help with the Communications just needs to show up at the West Virginia University at Parkersburg at about 8:00 am. Ken said that he will be taking a table, chairs and radios to set up as a base station. Those helping will get a T-Shirt.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to order the BINGO License for the Interstate Fair and Exposition, Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will be sending the organization Income Tax report to the IRS this week. He said that he no longer has to go to the Federal Building to the 990 form and instruction book, it can be obtained off the internet.

There was a reminder of the River Sweep. It will be held June 19th. The locations for communicators will be at Point Park in Parkersburg, on 19th street at the old Water Treatment Plant in Parkersburg, and the boat launch area in Williamstown. If you can help with communications, just show up at one of these locations. The clean up will be from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

There was a reminder of the Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social on June 5th. WCEC will be providing the tables, chairs, and canopies.

There was a reminder of the Deerwalk VFD Ice Cream Social on June 5th. WCEC will be providing the tables, chairs, and canopies. WCEC will also be operating the BINGO games at the social.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that new canopy tops need to be purchased. He will look up the telephone number for Hupp's Canopies and order two new tops for the frames. He said that he would like to set up 120 feet of canopy at the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Greg Smith. Greg says there will be an Air Show this year. It will be held on Sunday, September 26th. Greg has already got several military air craft scheduled for the event. The air show will be on the Sunday of Volcano Days. We still need to operate the BINGO games and provide communications at the air show.

There was a report on the Vienna River Road Race. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Lou Molinaro about T-Shirts. Lou was very grateful that WCEC helped provide the communications. He said that he would get back with Ken about the T-shirts. He said that next year just assume that the organization will be needed at the road race. There was twenty some radio operators that showed up to provide Road Race Safety Communications.

Field Day will be held on June 26th and 27th. The location will be the same as it was last year. The location is on Hendershot Farm Drive, four and one half miles up Laurel Creek Road, off Old St. Marys Pike.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, read a letter from the Vienna Police Department thanking WCEC for providing safety communications at the Vienna River Road Race. There will be High School Cross County foot races on September 18th at the county fair grounds.

The reason the WCEC meeting was being held at the Red Cross building was because the E-911 dispatchers were using the E-911 conference room for some kind of meeting or class. Although we are not sure how much longer we will get to meet at the E-911 Center since we don't know who

the new Emergency Services Director might be, and if he/she wants us to be there. At the present time the June WCEC meeting will be held at the E-911 Center.

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