

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 2, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 21 members and guests present.

Minutes from the October 5, 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. He said that he hasn't done anything to the repeater. I did get a new key for the gate so that he can get to the repeater anytime he can find the time to get there to work on it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the shelter at Mountwood Park is still on hold until after Winter is over. Craig is supposed to be laid off over the Winter and won't be back until next Spring, if he comes back.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that no one has ask to have a medical card made up. She said there was forms on the desk at the meeting for anyone who needs one. Ken, WA8LLM, said the new WCEC ID Cards will be coming out in December. Ken said that Cathy, KC8DJJ, made up the new ID Cards, and Judy, N8UFQ, has provided the pictures. All he has to do is figure out how to put the two together, and the cards will be ready.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Roger Bibbee sent him an E-Mail about a CERT class that will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th at the E-911 Center. Anyone who wants to take to the class can just show up.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that some money keeps coming in from those who have purchased the Yaesu FT-1500 radios. He needs to get with those who still owe on the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has passed out all but one of the Wood County Fair BINGO travel expense reimbursement money, but due to the elections, that person wasn't at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything from Lou Molinaro, about the Vienna Road Run T-Shirts, since he talked to him at the

Lubeck Fun Run on October 2nd.

Dot, KC8HAI, gave a report on the High School Cross Country races that were held on October 30th. She said that everything went pretty good. There was only a delay of one race due to the lightning monitor indicating lightning off in the distance.

It was brought up about needing articles for the WCEC Newsletter. There needs to be group of members that can get together and work on a new newsletter program. Terry Mills, KC8TUE, says that he can put the newsletter on the WC8EC Website in color once it is put together. We want to put the newsletter together with a program that will not take forever to download from the website. Pictures that are taken at any of our activities can be put in the newsletter. We would like to start the new year out with a new look to our newsletter.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about building a new communications trailer that could be used to replace MOBILECOM-1. The trailer should be able to be pulled by any pick-up truck, or other towing vehicle. MOBILECOM-1 is running good now, but you never know for sure when it's not going to start. With a trailer you can pull it with what ever towing vehicle you have available.

There was a discussion about a Christmas Dinner that would be held at the December business meeting. It was voted on at the October meeting to have the organization just pay for everyone's meal at a restaurant. Sam, N8SVX, said that he had talked to some of those who supported the original suggestion, and would like to revisit the dinner issue. He felt the spending of 500 dollars on a dinner would be better spent on radio equipment, or a trailer. He said we could still have a dinner for less then 100 dollars. Dot, KC8HAI, said that she would cook the ham and turkey, like she did last year, since she would have the oven on anyway. Rick, KC8VLM, said that he had an extra turkey that he would donate and cook. Sam made a motion to have a covered dish dinner at the E-911 center as opposed to going to a restaurant. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

Rick, KC8VLM, said the date for Grant Writing class that he and Jenny, KC8YUB, were planning to go to had been changed. The new date was a week earlier then planned, so they missed the class. Rick and Jenny are looking at another date of a class that is in Charleston, that is supposed to cost the same amount. He said that he would be in

Charleston on that date anyway and they would attend it, if the organization would still pay for that class. Since the BINGO games are bringing in less money every year, and the days for the Safety Breaks are getting less, and we are getting less of them, we need to start looking at applying for grants which will be the way to support the projects of the organization. Ken, WA8LLM, said that at the Homeland Security meeting on October 30th, grants with the words "Homeland Defense" or "Homeland Security" were an almost shoe-in to getting the grants. Charlie, W8JZN, said that if there was a disaster that prevented us from participating in our fund raisers, that we could lose a source of income. Ken reminded everyone of the severe thunderstorm that came through the Parkersburg area on the second day of the Homecoming in 1997, which all but destroyed our BINGO canopy, and shut down the BINGO games for the rest of the event. We lost a lot of income that year. It was decided the organization will pay for the grant writing class.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Homeland Security meeting that was held on October 30th. He also described the equipment that was on display. He said that if you take all the equipment that was at the display, and multiply that by six, that is the amount of equipment the state will have available to provide disaster support, when their project is complete. He said the only thing that he didn't see was a Port-A-John. Ken explained what the Regional Response Team is about.

Charlie, W8JZN, suggested the audio level of the 147.255 repeater be turned down. Ken, WA8LLM, said the next time he gets to work on the repeater that he will lower the CW ID level.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be W5YI VE Testing held at the E-911 center on December 11, at 6:00 pm.

There will be a Safety Break for two days of Thanksgiving week. The Safety Break will be start at 12 noon on Wednesday, the 24th, and will close at 6:00 pm on Thursday, the 25th. A schedule needs to be made up.

There will be a Christmas Safety Break held over the Christmas weekend. The Safety Break will start at 12 noon on Friday, the 24th, and close at 6:00 pm on Sunday the 26th. A schedule needs to be made up.

Sam, N8SVX, had a slide show on his commuter of the pictures that he

had taken at the Homeland Security meeting.

Dave, KC8ZZX, and Ray, N8TWV, talked about the FCC approving the BPL (Broadband Over Powerline) internet. A short discussion followed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Dave Wright KC8ZZX Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Amy Miller