

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 5, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 17 members and guests present.

Minutes from the September 7, 2004 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. He said the repeater seems to be working ok, but still needs some work done to the voter. He said the biggest problem is to be sure to key your radio and wait about for two seconds before trying to talk. He said the best thing to do is use lower power to keep from getting into more than one remote receiver at a time until the voter can be balanced.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Craig during the MS-150, and it doesn't look to good yet for a shelter at Mountwood Park. Craig may not be there much longer. He will be laid off during the Winter, and may not be back next Spring. We need to just keep the shelter on hold.

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

There has been no other CERT Classes being offered yet, but there is 10 people that are wanting to take the class when it is offered.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that some money keeps coming in from those who have purchased the Yaesu FT-1500M. He needs to get with the ones that haven't been paid off yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got to talk to Lou Molinaro at the Lubeck Fun Run on October 2nd. As soon as he came in the door he knew what Ken was going to ask. Ken talked to him about the T-Shirt from the Vienna Road Run. Lou said that he has been busy and just hadn't got around to getting them. Lou still has the list of names and shirt sizes. Lou said to be sure and stay in contact with him, and be sure to be at the race next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the MS-150. The bike ride went very well

even with the few problems with communications. Cristy Conley, administer of the MS-150, was very satisfied with the communications. There was a few problems with some of the riders, but everything was worked out. There was war stories told about the activity. Cristy said there will be a ride next year on the same weekend, which will be the weekend after Labor Day. Ken said that next year he may try to tie the Ritchie County and Wood County repeaters together for the ride. Ken drew on the board how it might be done to tie the repeaters together. There was a short discussion about tying several repeaters together.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO. Dot, KC8HAI, said there was four people that helped with the BINGO on Sunday, while several members worked the communications for the Air Show.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Air Show. There was a lot of problems getting the busses where they needed to be, but everything worked out. A lot of the riders weren't happy with having to ride the busses, and the communications people were the ones that were catching Hell. There will be an Air Show wrap-up meeting on Wednesday.

Reminder of W5YI VE Testing this coming Saturday, October 9th.

There was a report on the Chick-Fil-A Cross Country races that were held on Saturday, September 18th, at the Wood County 4-H grounds.

There was a report on the High School Invitational Cross County races that were held on Tuesday, September 28th, at the Wood County 4-H grounds. There was also a discussion about the High School final Cross County races that will be held on Saturday, October 30th. There will be several members that will be unable to help because they will be attending a Homeland Security conference on Saturday and Sunday, the 30th and 31st.

There was a report on the Lubeck Fun Run that was held on October 2nd. The race got started about an hour and a half late due to an automobile accident that happened just about 20 minutes before the race was to start, and all the Firefighters had to leave. The radio operators that helped with the race had to do double duty, but the race was held, and the fire department was satisfied with the help.

There was a very short discussion about the Fund Raiser that was

presented to WCEC at the September business meeting. All of those at the meeting agreed the Fund Raiser sounded like a pyramid scheme and didn't want anything to do with it.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a report about the flooding, and that some of the members helped Eastwood VFD at Happy Valley, after the cross country races were over. MOBILECOM-1 was taken to Happy Valley and used as a Command Post.

Ken, WA8LLM, wants to get writers for the WCEC Newsletter. Ken would like to use a different format for the newsletter and get additional help writing articles. He would like to use a format that would allow faster download time for those who wants to download the newsletter from the website.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported on the problems with MOBILECOM-1 which happened on the way home after the MS-150. MOBILECOM-1, was repaired and runs better then it ever has. There was a discussion about replacing MOBILECOM-1 with a tandem wheel, 12 to 14 foot trailer that would be built from the ground up.

The Fair BINGO mileage money was passed out to the ones who were at the meeting.

Ken, KB8QPW, brought up for discussion a Christmas Dinner. It was discussed about having the dinner at Ryan's on December 7th. Lisa, KB8UER, made a motion to have the dinner at Ryan's if it is available. Jenny, KC8UYB, seconded the motion. There will be a gift exchange of a maximum of \$10.00. More information will be brought back to next month's meeting.

Rick, KC8VLM, said there will be a grant writing class held on October 30th at WVUP. It was agreed that Rick and Jenny, KC8UYB, go to the class, and that WCEC pay the \$30 each for the class. Since we are not sure about how much longer Volcano Days is going to last, and that Parkersburg Homecoming seems to be going down the tubes, and the Safety Breaks are getting less, we need to look at getting money from some where else.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg Fire Department is going to have their Regional Response Team on display at Fire Station #1 at 10:00 am,

Wednesday the 6th. Everyone is welcome to go to the display.

Terry, KC8AOF, will be moving out of the area. Terry wanted to say thanks for all of the help that the organization has given him over the years. He will be moving to Putnam County.

Judy, N8UFQ, suggested that all supplies, such as food, or parts, for all activities, such as Field Day, be paid for by check if at all possible.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Terry Brown KC8AOF,