

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 7, 2004

After Steve ???, from Dick's Auto gave a presentation on a fund raiser the meeting was called to order about 7:07 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 32 members and guests present.

Minutes from the August 3, 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. The Core Road Remote Receiver problem has been corrected, and is back in operation. Ken and Dot, KC8HAI, made a trip to the Ritchie County Remote Receiver site, which has been off the air for about a year. New batteries and a power supply were installed, and the Link Transmitter was changed to the 439 mHz range. The Ritchie County site is back in operation. Ken, WA8LLM, and Ken, KB8QPW, installed the dual-band walkie/talkies that Blain, WA8IOE, donated to the organization. The radios were installed at the Elizabeth and Rockport tower sites. The stations are programed to have a receive sub-audible tone of 131.8 Hz. Ken and Kevin, KC8OXY, installed a Remote Receiver at the Deerwalk tower site, which also has a receive sub-audible tone of 131.8 Hz. This should make the repeater a lot better for the MS-150. The voter audio still needs to be balanced for all the Link Receivers.

There has been nothing heard about the shelter at Mountwood Park that WCEC and Deerwalk VFD may help build. It is still on hold.

Denise, KC8TUF, reported that no one else has asked to have a medical card made. Anyone that wants a medical card, needs to get with Denise.

Duane, N8LDM, said that Roger Bibbee will hold a CERT Class if he can get 12 or more people to attend. A list was passed around for those who would be interested in taking the class. Bob, KB8RNE, said that he had taken the CERT training course while in South Carolina. Ken is going to talk to Roger Bibbee about seeing if Bob is still a CERT member.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those who are buying the Yaesu FT-1500M radios, about making payments.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he lost the telephone number for Lou Molinaro, to see if he has forgot about the T-Shirts. He will talk to Lou before the next meeting.

A report was given about the Parkersburg Half Marathon. The timing clocks got started on time, and there was no major injuries. The spotters at the race were being given the devil for letting the traffic go. Ken said that he would report it back to the official of the race.

Ken, gave a report on the Homecoming BINGO. He still needs to write a check for 15 percent of the game proceeds, and get it to the Homecoming Committee.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the MS-150 which would be held on September 11th and 12th. Ken passed out a schedule of times that communications are needed to be at each of the Rest Stops. There was a lengthy discussion about the bike ride. Assignments were made for all the Wood County locations. Maps of the rides were also passed out. Anna, KC8JWW, suggested that after the event is over that we get a Thank You letter from the Multiple Sclerosis to show other organizations that we are a needed organization.

There was a reminder about Volcano Days BINGO. Dot, KC8HAI, says that she and three or four helpers will be able to operate the BINGO games on Sunday the 26th, when a lot of other operators will be providing the communications at the Air Show.

There was a reminder and a discussion about the Air Show that will be held on Sunday, September 26th. Assignments were made to as many locations as possible for the Air Show.

There was a report on the annual WCEC Picnic. There was 58 people in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing will be held at 6:00 pm on October 9th, at the E-911 Center on Core Road.

September 18th will be the Chick-Fil-A High School Cross County foot races. The races will be held at the 4-H Camp Ground at Mineral Wells. Radio Operators need to be at the location at 8:00 am, the first race starts at 8:30.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be holding it's annual picnic on September 13th at Shelter #9, at the Parkersburg City Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was able to purchase a new set of BINGO balls for the BINGO machine for 50 dollars, but with the balls was also a BINGO machine and ball holder. The BINGO machine is just like the one we have already, but the ball holder is a little different since it was not designed to be used for a lighted display board. It was a real good deal, now we have a backup machine.

Steve from Dick's Auto, said they are doing away with their UHF Business Radios, and using cell phones. They are going to sell the three walkie/talkies and a base stations.

It was the opinion of the majority of those present that we not get involved with the fund raiser that was presented by Steve from Dick's Auto.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has changed the type of cell phone that is owned by the organization and kept in MOBILECOM-1. The new phone is digital, where the old one is analog. Analog cell service is slowly going away, to be placed by digital service. There are more digital cell towers then analog, which will give better cell service.

Dot, KC8HAI; Anna, KC8JWW; Judy, N8UFQ; and Ken, WA8LLM, went to a BINGO seminar, which was required by the state. One of the things they learned was that members of the organization who work at the BINGO games, can't play the BINGO games and vice-versa.

There will be a Lubeck Fun Run at the Lubeck Fire Department on October 2nd.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Kyle Riser, Ryan Riser, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Bob

Smith, KB8RNE, Mary Smith, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Lisa Hendershot
KB8UER/Unit 270, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit
292, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Gary Bosworth, KC8ZZS, Harold Dooley,
N8KO/Unit 266, Jeanna Dooley, N8JMD/Unit 269, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit
268