

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 4, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 30 members and guests present.

Minutes from the December 7, 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. Ken said there is a noise problem with the repeater. There is some kind of signal that keeps getting into the Williamstown and Laurel Creek Remote Receivers. The problem just seems to be there during the day, so he has to keep them disconnected from the repeater a lot. Ken thinks there may be a dirty transmitter some where causing the problem.

Duane, N8LDM, says he has been having some problems with Marine Channels 21A or 23A getting into some of the E-911 radios. He is working on that problem. Ken, KB8QPW, has tested the Rockport Remote Receiver, and it seems to be down. A trip will have to be made to that site and work on the Remote Receiver. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he also screwed up the courtesy beep the last time he was at the repeater site. When the weather is cold there are no tones, it just clicks.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a letter from Craig at Mountwood Park, so he must not have been laid off work for the Winter. Ken will give Craig a call and talk to him about the shelter that we are planning on building at Mountwood for BINGO. Deerwalk VFD has also been talking about helping build a shelter. As far as anyone knows Deerwalk VFD doesn't know any more then we do about what is going on at Mountwood Park. The shelter is still on hold until we can get a hold of Craig.

Denise, KC8TUF, has not got any more applications for medical cards to go along with our WCEC ID Cards. There was a little discussion about having the medical information placed inside of the WCEC ID Card, where it won't be seen by anyone, unless they cut the ID Card open. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to change the looks of the WCEC ID Cards for next year, now might be the time to plan on putting the medical information, including your Social Security Number, which is needed if you need medical attention, inside the back of the ID Card.

There was a reminder of a CERT Class which will be held on January 15th and 16th at the 911 center. A list was past around for anyone who wanted to take the class. There is a block of openings set aside for communication people.

There was a reminder to those who owe for the Yaesu FT-1500 radios. Ken, WA8LLM, said the payments are coming in and he wouldn't make any other reminders.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is unable to get a hold of Lou about the T-Shirts for the 2004 Vienna Road Run. We will just wait until next year to see if they want us back. If we are contacted we will be make sure to get the T-Shirts first. We also need to know as far in advance of those who are going to help with any of the activities scheduled for 2005, including the Parkersburg Half Marathon.

Terry, KC8TUE, is still working on the WCEC Newsletter. He is trying to come up with ideas on how it should look. Anyone that has ideas should contact Terry. We want to be able to upload the newsletter directly to the WCEC.COM website. A short discussion followed.

There was a short discussion about building a trailer that would replace MOBILECOM-1. The trailer should be able to be pulled by about any vehicle. Harold, N8KO, suggested that we get a hold of someone like Wolf Camper to get a trailer donated. Bob, KB8RNE, said that from time to time trailers might become available from Radio or TV stations. Several other ideas were brought up.

There was a discussion about renewing the card to purchase government surplus equipment at Dunbar.

There was also a discussion on the possibility of losing telephone communications, and that we need to stay in contact with the Public Safety people. They need to know who we are so that WHEN, not IF, there's a communications problem, that we will be able to assist.

There were reports about the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks. All of the shifts got covered, and we did made some money.

There has been nothing heard back from Lisa Collins about holding a Grant Writing class, which we were hoping the County Commission would pay for. We need to be looking for Grants that will help us build our

Base of Operations. A lot of grants want to have matching money. We need to find grants that don't require matching funds, even if they are small, we will just need more of them.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the Christmas Parade. There was a lot of problems with the officials who are in charge of the parade. We done the best job for the information provided.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on whether we want to do the Safety Breaks for 2005. A majority of the members present indicated that we should apply for the Safety Breaks. There are six Safety Breaks that fall on the weekends, either Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Saturday, Sunday, Monday. We are not applying for the Thanksgiving Safety Break, which is only from Noon on Wednesday to 6:00 pm on Thursday. If the Department of Highways asks us to operate the Thanksgiving Safety Break, we will tell them will we be there from Noon Wednesday, till 6:00 pm on Sunday.

There was discussion about operating BINGO games this year. There are three BINGO activities that we purchase BINGO Licenses for, plus the BINGO games at Deerwalk VFD' Ice Cream Social, which we do. A majority of the members present indicated that we should apply for the Licenses to operate the BINGO games this year.

A majority of the members present indicated that we should operate Field Day this year. There was discussion of stretching out the area and separating the stations more. It was also discussed about anyone wanting to camp at the site a couple days or so before Field Day, could do so. Breakfast is only fixed Sunday morning. Since we only operate for 24 hours, we can start setting up the antennas and stations on Friday, so we won't be so tired on Saturday. We might want to go out a week before Field Day to see how and where we want to set up the stations. Field Day will be June 25th and 26th.

It was discussed about looking for another place to meet. Since there is another new E-911 director, we don't know if we are going to be able to use the 911 meeting room. There was a discussion about the gate being closed in the evenings. It was decided not to do anything until we find out what happens at the 911 center.

There was a reminder of W5YI testing that will be held on February 12th at the 911 center at 6:00 pm.

Pictures were taken of some of the members who needed their ID Cards.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Mark Stull KC8ZON/Unit 298, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Jeanna Dooley, N8JMD/Unit 269, Harold Dooley, N8KO/Unit 266, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D,