

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 5, 2006

After a great Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all, a short business meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 37 members and guests present.

Minutes from the November 7, 2006, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz repeater system. There was nothing to report since it's still working and we haven't got any grants to upgrade the Remote Receivers.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the grant application in the amount of \$5000, to purchase a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1, was submitted to the Ross Foundation. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had received a telephone call from Misty Rider from the Ross Foundation asking if we had contracts with the Public Safety agencies that we work with. Ken told her that we don't have contracts, but do have Mutual Aid Agreements with some of them. He didn't know how that might affect the outcome of the grant.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the grant for the Remote Receivers and Packet stations. Terry read the letter from the Parkersburg Foundation saying that we didn't get the grant, but that we could try again in six months, then we would have to wait a year before trying again, if we don't get it on the next go round.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the county exercise will be a week long and will start on Monday, January 8th. There will be a table top exercise on January 9th. Ken has already been told that he will be at the table top exercise. Ken said that he has to have a telephone system put together for the exercise.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to the company about the dog tag IDs yet. He's going to hold off until after the first of the year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hope that before the January exercise he will hold a Packet Radio class. He said that he will use the old Packet Radio class material to teach a class.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was one weather radio left which had been ordered and not picked up. Ray, N8TWV, said that he had talked to someone who wanted the weather radio, but couldn't remember who it was. Ray said person wanting the radio was supposed to get in contact with Ken.

The schedules for the Christmas and New Year Safety Breaks were passed around again to be filled out.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the grant for the radio equipment to go in the new communications trailer was turned in. The grant was in the amount of \$25,000, but we could have applied for \$50,000. We won't know until the middle of February if it is approved.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing would be held on December 9th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 9th, at 2:30 pm. Those wanting to help with the parade should be at the parade control point location, at 11th and Market Street at about 1:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, attended a meeting before the WCEC meeting about a new organization called Mobile Volunteer Center. While at the meeting Ken met the organization leader who said that she would E-Mail him the name of another grant site that we should apply at.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he was looking at another grant which is through FEMA. Terry has already started the application process. One step of the process is to register for some kind of government number, which Terry has already done. The application should be applied for by the next meeting. On the grant there is a matching fund. Terry says that if we get the approval for the grant, we have the matching funds in hand.

Anna, KC8JWW, says that she heard the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition would be one day shorter. She said the fair will start on Tuesday instead of Monday. The fair board is just talking about it right now.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens, Unit 299K, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Loretta DeHanvon/Unit 299L, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Jim Peterson, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299F, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353,