

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

August 7, 2007

After WCEC held it's annual picnic at the Fort Borman Park, a short business meeting was called to order at about 7:10 pm. There were 35 members and guests present. The minutes from the July 3, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Ken said that he hasn't done anything to the repeater. He said the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver seems to be having a problem, he just hasn't figured out what it is. He said that some time before the Parkersburg Homecoming, that he wants to take the Laurel Creek Receiver, to Fort Borman Park to make some tests. He wants to see how it will work as a temporary Remote Receiver for the Half Marathon. He said that all race communications will be held on the 147.255 Repeater for the Half Marathon. A short discussion followed.

Grants, and Grant reports were on hold until the September meeting.

The basement of the old Emergency Operations Center is still on hold.

The Subcontract with Eastwood VFD is still on hold.

Keeping track of members hours is on hold until next month's meeting, but members still need to keep track of the hours anyway, and there should be plenty of them with the Homecoming BINGO, the Half Marathon, and the Parade lineup. Anyone that has hour reports can turn them into Denise, KC8TUF, at any time.

Changes to the By-Laws, will be held until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the renewal of the WCEC Website, WC8EC.COM, is completed. He said that it took about an hour searching the web and making telephone calls, but he did get to talk to someone about the renewal. His only concern was the renewal said that it takes effect on September 1st, but yet the site due date is August 22nd. We can only hope they don't take our site name away before the September 1 renewal date. It's possible they made it the first of the month to make it easier to keep track of their records. The cost of the site is \$74.75 for five years.

Donation letters is on hold until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that all three BINGO licenses are in hand.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition BINGO. He said the fair was one day shorter than it was last year, but we only made about 60 dollars less than what we made last year. Ken said that he talked to the president of the fair who told him they are looking at doing away with the organization which provides the rides, and replacing them with someone else. We're not for sure what that will do to the fair since they have already done away with the fireworks. He told the president that he heard the fair may cut back another day, and that before long it won't be worth trying to operate the BINGO games. Ken has already written the letter thanking the fair for allowing WCEC to operate the games this year, and the past seven years. There was nothing in the letter asking to allow us to operate the BINGO games next year. Maybe they will get the hint that we may not be back, or they may reduce the amount that we have to pay them, from 25 percent, to 15 percent like the Homecoming, or 10 percent like Volcano Days. Ken said the pay for the mileage that everyone reported has already been taken out of the money that we made.

There was a reminder that the Parkersburg Half Marathon is on August 18th. There was a few last minute verifications on some of the Mile Markers and Water Stops. If all of the Mile Markers are not covered, we may have to move some of the Water Stop people to Mile Markers. They are also going to announce the runners of the Two Mile Race, so we have to have our Spotters on location a little earlier this year.

A copy of the final Field Day report was passed around at the meeting.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing would be held on August 11th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

There was a reminder of the Safety Fair that will be held on October 6th at Ericson Field on South Side.

There was a reminder of the BINGO games at the Volcano Days festival on September 28th, 29th, and 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Mike Daily from Eastwood VFD called and asked if WCEC would like to have a new FEMA trailer for \$1000. The trailer would have to be in Eastwood's name for two years. The trailer can range anywhere from 18 ft to 33 ft. Ken said that it was a very short notice, and that Mike needed to know as soon as possible. Mike already has the papers in hand to have two trailers, and the county has papers for two trailers. A group of firefighters and county employees was supposed to go to Maryland to pick them up on August 2nd, and bring them back. There was a delay of getting the trailers, since they can't be released now until they are inspected for some kind of chemical that may be in them. The trip is on hold until further notice. Ken said if it's an 18th trailer it might be okay for dragging around, but if it's any longer it might be good to use as a temporary communications center on Hendershot Farm drive where we're still planning to build a base of operations. Ken said that we may, or may not get it, we will have to wait and see.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has a new location at the Parkersburg Half Marathon that needs to be covered. It is a 6.5 Mile Marker. He asked if anyone was interested. David, N8NWV, said that if his son Matt, passes his test at the next VE Test Session, and gets his licenses before the Half Marathon, that he would have Matt cover that location. Gary, KC8ZZS, said that he would take the location. A short discussion about the race was held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he found clips to hang the dog tags on the back of the regular ID Cards, He ordered some of the clips and passed them out to those who wanted them. Also some of the chain was given out for the Dog Tags.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Waverly VFD used two 24 by 40 foot canopies for their Ice Cream Social.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a couple of 10 by 20 canopies were loaned out for a yard sale benefit, for Robby, the boy who was hit by a car on Rt

2 North last fall. Anna, KC8JWW, said the yard sale made over \$1000 for the benefit.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a 24 by 40 canopy was used for the Second Annual Deerwalk Homecoming. The reserve 24 by 40 canopy was used.

There was a reminder that the Lubeck VFD Ice Cream Social will be August 11th, and they will be using the 24 by 80 canopy.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has to get the Fair BINGO Tax report sent to the state before August 21st.

Anna, KC8JWW, said the Shiloh Church needs tables and chairs for an activity they are holding on Sunday, August 12th.

Daniel, KC8ZLK, said that he is working with Roger Bibbee, trying to get a CERT class set up for November 10th and 11th.

Denise, KC8TUF, wants to make sure that we have new member applications at the next meeting to get Josh Morgan signed up with WCEC.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Pam Riffle KC8NLD/Unit 272, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Roger Lewis, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Emily Stevens, Unit 299K, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Josh Morgan, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351