

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 2, 2007

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 26 members and guests present.

Minutes from the December 5, 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 repeater system. Since we didn't get the grant to replace and install new Remote Receivers, the system is about the same as it has been. Some signals do seem to be having a problem getting into the repeater, like there may be a receiver somewhere that's not working.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave reports on some of the grants that have been applied for. The Ross Foundation sent the organization a reply letter about the grant for a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1. They said unfortunately, the grant was not approved. Denise, KC8TUF, said she talked to the officials at the Ross Foundation. It was very simple, they said something to the fact, that if we can't keep a simple thing as a website maintained, they didn't feel they should approve a grant to WCEC to get a trailer, which they may not be able to keep maintained. Ken, WA8LLM, said that people do look at our website, and that we need to keep it up-to-date, since we do have other grants applied for. Terry said the FEMA grant has been submitted on line. And the McDonough Foundation, for 25 thousand dollars has been submitted. The McDonough grant is the one to equip the new trailer, which we didn't get, with all communications equipment. We just need to wait until about the middle of February for both of these grants. Ken said that we couldn't apply for the Hamburger Helper grant since you have to be a 501c4 organization. We are a 501c3 organization.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Tabletop exercise which will be help on Tuesday, January, 9th. He said that he has been talking to Martha Lamp of the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department. Martha was wanting to know if we need a table for communications. She is planning the layout of the room. Duane, N8LDM, said the E-911 Center was going to hold an exercise on the 10th, but he wasn't sure what they were going to do.

He was sure they were not going to have the EOC manned, so WCEC may not need to there. Ken says he doesn't know if WCEC will be contacted to participate in anyone else's exercise or not. He said that WCEC will be participating in the Tabletop, even if it is only to provide the telephone system. Ken explained how the telephone system will be used at the Tabletop, and how it can be used in the field.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would contact the company about the Dog Tag ID's before the next meeting. He said that he got a set of stamps that can be used to put the unit numbers on the tags. All we need to do is get the tags engraved with the organization name. He thinks the tags can be acquired for less than five dollars or so apiece.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be a basic Packet Radio Class on Saturday, January 6th, at the E-911 Center. The class would start at 9:00 am, and should be done around 3:00 pm. Some of the members at the meeting said they would not be able to attend due to work schedules. Ken said that he would like to schedule another class to enable some of those members to attend.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave the report on the Christmas and New Year Safety Breaks. He read the amount made at the Christmas 2005 and the New Year 2006 Safety Breaks. It looks like it was a good move to work the North Bound Rest Area. There were a few stories of activities that happened over the breaks.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the last Weather Radio is gone. It was sold and the money has already been deposited in the bank.

Ray, KC8RUJ, reminded Ken, WA8LLM, about getting pictures and a price list of the equipment needed to assemble a Remote Receiver for the 147.255 repeater system. Ray is going to approach Dupont and see if they will sponsor, and provide, a Remote Receiver. Ken said that he would try to have the information by the next meeting.

Anna, KC8JWW, said the officials have decided the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition will be one day shorter this year. The fair will start on Tuesday instead of Monday.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if you have a General Class Radio Question Pool Book that has an expiration of June 30, 2008, that date is no longer

correct. The new expiration date is June 30, 2007. Ken says there are three W5YI Examination sessions before the June 30 dead line. Ken said that he and Dana, WV8G, can hold a special test session if needed.

It was suggested that a Mutual Aid Page be added to the WC8EC website. That would allow anyone looking at the website see that we do work with other organizations.

Terry, KC8TUE, will be sending an advanced letter to the Sisters of St. Joseph, in reference to a grant. The advanced letter is just to see if WCEC would meet the requirements for applying for a grant.

Dave, KC8VLK, said that Lubeck VFD would be holding a Pancake Breakfast on January 20th at the Fire Station.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while talking to the Red Cross, he found out they can no longer give us the names of people that may be in their shelters, so they can be put into the FINDER system. If we want to put the information into FINDER, we will have to collect the information ourselves, using our own forms. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up about Safety Breaks for 2007. Most of those at the meeting thought it would be a good idea to apply for the Safety Breaks. But, since no one wanted to be responsible for coordinating the Safety Breaks, they are on hold for now.

New WCEC ID cards for 2007 were passed out before, during, and after the meeting.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan

Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353,