

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 3, 2007

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 5, 2007, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Since Terry, KC8TUE, was in the hospital, Denise, KC8TUF, give the grant report first so that she could leave the meeting and go back to the hospital. Denise said that another grant in the amount of \$15,000 has been applied for. The grant is for a communications trailer. The reason for the amount of money is because the finishing of the trailer inside, and out, needs to be completed by a professional contractor. Denise also passed out forms for members to keep track of the any hours they volunteer, with activities involving WCEC training, fund raising, and emergency communications. She would like to get the forms back each month so she can keep track of the hours. It was asked if time participating in other organization nets, besides the WCEC/ARES Net counted. Ken, WA8LLM, said that any net activities should be counted, since they are for the purpose learning emergency communications and staying familiar with other Amateur Radio operators in the area. The report also asks for non-paid mileage, to and from activities, and to include the cost of any items purchased, and you don't want reimbursed for. WCEC business meeting is counted at 3 hours, 1/2 hour to get to the meeting, 2 hours at the meeting, and 1/2 hour getting home. Check-ins to a radio nets whether it is voice or packet is counted as one hour. If you think it should be on the report, put it on there. If you have any questions you can call Denise. Before Denise left the meeting, she also said that we should be getting \$250 from the CERT organization for filling out and sending in a grant request. Even though we didn't get the grant we should be receiving the \$250.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Ken said that he, Dot, KC8HAI, and Ryan, Unit 299A, went to the Limestone tower site and installed the Polyphaser Lightening Protectors on the Remote Receiver system. Ken said that before the meeting, that he and Duane, N8LDM, went up to the E-911 tower and installed the Polyphaser

Lightening Protectors on that Remote Receiver system. Ken said that he needs to go to the Jackson County tower site and check why the DAREN Packet NODE is not in operation. He thinks it may have been hit by lightening. Ken says he's not for sure what is happening to the Remote Receiver system on Laurel Creek. There is a problem getting into the repeater from that site. He thinks it may be band conditions, or the UHF Receiver Preamp at the Sand Hill repeater site may have died. The first chance he gets, he will try to check it out. Right after the three new Remote Receivers were installed they worked very good, but now there seems to be a problem.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out the metal Dog Tags at the meeting. He has priced out the chain for the tags, but he wanted to know who might want the chain. The chain is 47 cents a foot, and the beads to connect them together are 6 cents. A few of those at the meeting said they would like to have the chain. Ken said that he would buy about 25 feet of chain, and some beads to connect them together. Ken said that he's going to attach his metal tag to the back of his ID Card, that way they will always be together. Ken said that as soon as he finds the type of hooks he wants, he will make up the tag holder board, in case we are assigned the job of keeping track of the tags and a disaster scene.

The basement of the old EOC is still up in the air. There has been rumors that WCEC is going to get the first floor, but the next thing we hear is the County Commission is going to turn the building back over the Board of Education. All we can do is wait to see what happens.

Sub-Contract with Eastwood VFD is still on hold, but we can sign a Mutual Aid agreement to put us a little closer with them.

Terry, KC8TUE, has written up a good description of the Board of Directors, but we haven't finished putting it in the By Laws. As soon as we finish with the By Laws, copies will be made and distributed to the members, and to the Board of Directors.

Ken, WA8LLM, has been E-Mailing Bill, N8JXO, back and forth. Ken talked to Alan at Network Associates, but Alan said that he couldn't help us with the renewal of the WC8EC.COM website since they don't have our website domain name with them. Ken was hoping that Bill would be at the meeting, so they could talk about getting the website renewed. Ken said that he has looked at the website domain name owners, but couldn't figure out how to renew the website. He's hoping to have it

renewed by the August 7th meeting. It needs to be renewed by August 22nd.

There has been no other donation letters mailed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has ordered the BINGO Licenses and they should be in hand long before the first BINGO games which will be held at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a preliminary report on Field Day. He said that he would have a hard copy of the report at the August meeting. The only two things that were missed out on, was not having an elected official at the Field Day site, and not being able to copy the Special ARRL Field Day Broadcast Bulletin. A discussion about the activities at other Field Day sites were held.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the River Sweep activity. Ken said there was about 150 people at the Parkersburg site, and Anna, KC8JWW, said there was about 50 people at the Williamstown site. The Sign-In sheet for the River Sweep was talked about. Duane, N8LDM, said every one should have 2 or 3 copies of the Sign-In Sheet with them so they would be available at any time.

There was a reminder of W5YI Testing August 11th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he has got the permission to use the Fort Borman Park for the August 7th WCEC Picnic/Business meeting. We have the two shelters at the park from 6:00 pm till dark. But, we may not need both of the shelters. Ken said that he would make telephone calls to the members to see what everyone will be bringing.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that our WCEC Business License is in hand, and that it is good for two years, which expires in 2009. Even though he marked the new address, where it says change of address, the state still shows the business organization address as 921 Market Street, Parkersburg. There will be a Safety Fair at Ekickson Field on Saturday, October 6th. That is the same day as the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). We can take credit for all the Public Safety agencies that are at the same location. The Safety Fair is supposed to be a lot bigger than it was last year.

There was a reminder of the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition. Everyone driving to the fair be sure to get the mileage from their home to the fair grounds.

There was also a reminder that Volcano Days Festival will be held on September 28th, 29th, and 30th at Mountwood Park. We will be operating the BINGO games at the festival.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dave, KC8VLK, said there will be a truck and car show at the Liberty Truck Stop on July 28th and 29th. He needs to borrow a 10 by 20 canopy for the event.

Mark Hendershot of Deerwalk VFD borrowed one of the 24 by 40 canopies for the Deerwalk Ice Cream Social which was held on June 9th.

Lubeck VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on August 11th. We will be loaning them both of our 24 by 80 canopies.

Waverly VFD Ice Cream Social will be held on August 4th. We are waiting to see if they want to borrow the two 24 by 40 canopies.

Tyler, KC8CPP, talked about having internet access into the DAREN system. He is working on the project. It will be restricted so that no one could get onto the system without registration.

Tyler, KC8CPP, brought up for discussion about holding a Simplex Net. There was a discussion, and it was decided to hold a Simplex Net on the First Sunday of every month. The first net will be held on August 5th. The Simplex Net will be held on 147.255 MHz, which is the output of the repeater.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2

Scott Jones Unit 299C, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257,