

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 5, 2007

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 28 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 1, 2007, 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 the only thing that has been done to the repeater is the changing of the power supply at the Elizabeth Hill tower site. Ken said the switching power supply which was being used to power the station was causing interference to the Department of Highways radio system. When he checked out the power supply, he found it does generate noise on the VHF Low Band frequencies. Other than that, the system seems to be working good. Ken brought some Polyphaser Lightning protectors to the meeting to show what they look like. Ken was able to purchase a couple of used protectors at the Dayton Hamfest for \$15 each, they normally cost between \$70 and \$80. He is changing the "N" connectors on the protectors to "UHF" connectors, and needs to install them on the E-911 tower site, and the Limestone Hill tower site. Ken passed around one of the protectors that was still open for Show-N-Tell. He explained the Remote Receiver at Limestone has been destroyed by lightning at least two times.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Denise, KC8TUF, gave reports on grants. They have two more grants sent in. One of the grants is for \$6500 for a trailer, and one for \$13,000 to purchase and replace Packet Radio stations on the DAREN system. We should also be receiving \$500 for signing up to be a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Citizen Corp Council, and \$250 just for filling out a CERT grant.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got an E-Mail from CERT, saying that WCEC is a CERT council. If all goes well, we can start looking for a \$500 dollar check. Ken passed around a copy of the first CERT Newsletter that he also received. Ken says that he needs everyone's E-Mail address so that he can forward it to those who want to receive it.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Dog Tags. He has them ordered, and was hoping they would be available at the meeting. The manufacturer suggested that we should just order the numbers 251 to 300, and 351 to 375. There will be two copies of each one. There will also be 50 tags with just the name of the organization on them. Ken said that he would look into buying some chain and the beads that connect the ends together.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Artsbridge activity at WVUP. The portable telephone system was used and some of the officials were issued telephones. The cordless telephones didn't work as well as hoped. When the phones were around some of the corners and out of site of the system, there was no communications. The cordless phones work on 2.4 GHz, which is almost line of site. The building has a lot of steel in the construction. And, one of the officials didn't know to answer the phone when it rang.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the basement of the old EOC building on Staunton Avenue. Ken said that Mike Dailey, the Chief of Eastwood VFD, was going to be talking to the County Commission on Monday, June 4th, and wanted to know if Ken wanted to go. After Mike talked to the commission about dissolving Wood County Rescue, he talked to them about getting a place for WCEC to have a place to set up an office. The County Commission said they may let WCEC have the first floor of the building. There was an article in the newspaper about it. Only time will tell. The commissioners said they would like to keep the building if they could, but if they quit using it, it will go back to the Board of Education. He gave a lengthy explanation of how Wood County Rescue and WCEC was created.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that we need to keep track of members hours. It will take time getting used to, but we need it so that we can use it as inkind toward grants. Ken explained how inkind works. Don, N8NUS, said the inkind is given as a dollar amount per hour.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't made the changes in the By-Laws yet. He needs to figure out where to put it and then write up a description of what Board of Directors.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to talk to Alan at Network Associates to find out how to renew our WC8EC.COM website. He said that he would do that before the next meeting. Ken said that he also needs to talk

to Bill, N8JXO, and see how much he charges to updating websites, so that we can put his hours down as inkind.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Denise, KC8TUF, said there has been no other donation letters mailed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the demonstration of the portable telephone system to the COVIEO organization.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he wasn't going to pursue installing a cabinet on the outside of the new building at Limestone Hill tower site since it looks like the state is going to abandon the old building, and there are still several other Public Safety radios in it. We'll wait and see what happens.

Anna, KC8JWW, said it looks like there is going to be a West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition, even though it will be one day shorter. Ken, WA8LLM, will order the BINGO License.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get the list of Amateur Radio operators that are going to help at the Parkersburg Half Marathon put together. He will have to take the list to one of the Half Marathon meetings. He wanted to remind everyone that the Two Mile Race will start a little while before the Half Marathon, so we will need the spotters on location a little earlier. Everybody who will be working the Half Marathon will have to be on location by 7:00 am, otherwise the race route may be shut down and they won't be able to get there. Don, N8NUS, suggested there be a meeting of the communicators sometime prior to the race. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Income Tax Report has been sent in and Denise, KC8TUF, has a copy of it. Carol, KC8TUD, wanted to know if the Board of Directors would be paid. It was explained the Board of Directors will also be volunteering their time. They will be getting a copy of the monthly minutes, and financial reports. They will also be welcome to come to our monthly meetings.

There was a reminder that Field Day will be held June 23rd and 24th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will be setting up some of the equipment on Friday. He will also bring the Anderson Power connectors to put on any equipment that anyone brings. He will do that on Friday. Ken has sent out about 25 letters inviting all three County Commissioners, the Sheriff, the E-911 Staff, all Volunteer Fire Departments, the Red

Cross, and Health Department. Letters were also sent out to Newspaper, WTAP, and Clear Channel Radio. Maps were also sent with the letters.

There was a reminder the River Sweep will be held June 16th. Those wanting to help needs to be at their location by 9:00 am.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, gave a report on the Jackson County Hamfest. He said they did okay and they made a little money, but they need to do a few things different next year. He said they didn't need the whole kitchen for the food, they were able to pull it off using hot plates.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI Testing June 9th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm

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Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social was June 2, 2007, which has already been held. The fire department used the WCEC canopies, tables, chairs.

Annual WCEC Picnic will be August 7th during the monthly meeting. Ken, KB8QPW, suggested the meeting/picnic be held at the new Fort Borman Park. A short discussion followed. Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion to hold the meeting/picnic at Fort Borman Park, Tyler, KD8CPP, seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ken, KB8QPW, will contact the county to see if it can be reserved.

Ken, WA8LLM, told about some state papers that needed to be sent in. One was for the WCEC Tax Return, which was \$25. Another was a renewal of the WCEC Business License. The Business License is free, but needs to be renewed every two years. The third letter was from the state telling about WCEC needing to be WV tax exempt. Ken said that we had applied for, and received an exemption letter under WV Sec 29-19-6 (7), dated August 16, 2002.

Denise, KC8TUF, contacted the IRS and got a new, single page copy of our Federal IRS 501c3 Tax Exempt letter.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLI/Unit 295, Denise

Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Joshua Morgan, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353,