

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 1, 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 April 3, 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 that he ordered, and received, the 3 new Alinco DR-135 and 3 DR-435 transceivers to assemble the 3 Remote Receivers for the repeater. Ken, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, made trips to the Limestone and Elizabeth tower sites to install the new Remote Receivers. All of the old radios, batteries, and power supplies were removed, and the new equipment installed. After the Limestone and Elizabeth sites were complete, Ken installed the new Remote Receiver on Laurel Creek. All of the new receivers seem to be working great. Just before the May meeting, Ken and Tim, WB8MOI, repaired the antenna for the Remote Receiver at the E-911 tower site. Now there are five great working Remote Receivers on the system again. Ken said that he is going to assemble the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver into an Army Ammo box so that it can be easily taken to any remote location which needs a temporary Remote Receiver. The temporary Remote Receiver will be placed on Quincy Hill, or some good location to cover the Parkersburg Half Marathon.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Denise, KC8TUF, gave reports on grants which they have been working on. Terry got a personal phone call from one of the grant people, and he needs to call him back. Terry said that he has received several letters back stating that WCEC doesn't fit into their grant criteria. He did get one letter back that apologized for not being able to help, but said that Joseph Albright would send WCEC a donation. Terry said that he has sent out about 30 other letters, and as soon as he gets some more stamps, he will be sending out some more. Don, N8NUS, gave a lengthy presentation of his new job. He is now responsible for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) planning for multicounty. He explained that even though several members of the WCEC group took the CERT training, the records only went to the State

Office of Emergency Services. Don said that if our CERT Team gets registered on the National CERT Website that we will receive a grant of 500 dollars, and that we can apply for additional grants in the amount of as much as \$15,000, maybe more. Terry and Don are going to do the paperwork to register WCEC on the National Site. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the dog tags. He said that he called the people who make the regular Military Dog Tags. He said they use the standard size letters and numbers and they can't make any of the letters or numbers any larger. Ken said that while he was waiting for them to call back, he contacted an organization in Texas who can stamp the tags the way we want them. The tags don't come with any chain. He said the manufacturer suggested Stainless Steel tags instead of Brass tags since the price of Copper has went up. They said that they can stamp them how ever we want them with letters from 1/16th to 1/2 inch. The prices that Ken got were 100 at \$2.45 each, 200 at \$1.85 each, and 1000 at \$.65 each. Anna, KC8JWW, wanted to know if the tag could be clipped to our regular ID Card. Ken said they come with a 3/16 inch hole. It was decided to order tags with numbers 251 to 299A thru Z, 351 to 375 and the rest of the tags with just the organization name and no numbers. Chain for the tags could be purchased locally. Terry, KC8TUE, made a motion to purchase the 250 tags, Dave, KC8VLK, seconded the motion, the motion passed. Ken will order the tags before the next meeting.

There was a reminder that Artsbridge at WVUP would on May 24th, we need to be there by 8:00 am.

There was nothing to report about the basement of the old EOC building on Staunton Avenue. There was a short discussion about EOC training, and a building at the Wood County Airport.

The subcontract with Eastwood VFD is also on hold until the fire department meets with the County Commission.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the Athens County Hamfest which was held on April 29th. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder about the Jackson County Hamfest which would be held May 6th at the Ripley Middle School in Ripley.

Denise, KC8TUF, has started keeping track of membership hours. Everyone should record the amount of hours they spend on all WCEC related activities, and give it to Denise. The members' hours need to be reported on some of the Grant applications. Anna, KC8JWW, wanted to remind everyone to also take time for going to, and coming from any activity. Most of the time it shouldn't take more than a half an hour each way. The times are not critical. A lot of grant applications want to know how much time members of the organization participate. If you go to an activity, and you don't see a sign-in sheet, ask where it is, or get one started. Time should also be recorded when operating in a radio net. Since most of the WC8EC nets last from 30 to 45 minutes, they should be reported as one hour.

There were several reports on the Down Hill and Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Races which were held on April 14th and 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he called the Secretary of State about having a Board of Directors. The Secretary of State said that every Non-Profit organization is supposed to have a Board of Directors consisting of at least three Directors. All that needs to be done to modify the By-Laws is to explain how the Board of Directors are selected, how long they will serve, and what they are required to do. Then you can either hire or appoint the Directors. The Board of Directors are about the same as the Trustees. The Trustees are members that are within the organization, the Board of Directors are outside of the organization. Ken says he has talked to Jim Rose, Sharon Kesslering, and Roger Bibbee about being on the Board of Directors. He still needs to talk to Doug Hess. All we have to do now is write up the modifications of the By-Laws, since it was voted on and passed at last month's meeting.

The report on the new DR-135's and DR-435's were covered in the 147.255 Repeater Report.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the GMRS License, KAB4164, has been renewed.

There was a discussion about renewing the WC8EC.COM website. The paper we had received for renewing the site was not from the people that we had established the site with. We need to talk to Alan at Network Associates, since they are the ones who helped us get the web address.

There was a reminder of the Portable Telephone system demonstration for COVIEO which would be held May 22nd.

Putting a cabinet outside of the new EMS Building at Limestone Hill may not be required. It looks like the state may be going to just abandon the old building. At the present time there are other Public Safety radio equipment in the old building. Ken, WA8LLM, says he needs to add lightening protection to the new radios that were installed at the tower site.

The BINGO Licenses are on hold until we find out for sure if there will be an Interstate Fair and Exposition this year. It's only a rumor, but we will hold off getting the licenses ordered. It only takes a week or two to get the license, so we have plenty of time.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon and the Two Mile races will be held on August 18th.

The WCEC Income Tax Report is due by May 15th, Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would have it completed and mailed before the 15th.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Don, N8NUS, wanted to thank WCEC for the use of the canopies for the Children's Bike Rodeo. There was a 200 dollar donation deposited in the WCEC Regular Checking account, from the rodeo.

Field Day will be held on June 23rd and 24th. Ken WA8LLM, said that he needs to mail letters inviting the County Commission, the Sheriff, the Volunteer Fire Departments, E-911 staff, and the News Media.

The Wood County River Sweep will be held on June 16th. Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Susan McCloud while at the Meth Lab class at North Western Landfill.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice

KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C,