

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 4, 2007

The monthly WCEC business meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 24 members and guests present.

Minutes from the August 7, 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 and Dot, KC8HAI, took the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver to Fort Borman Park on Tuesday before the Parkersburg Half Marathon to see how it would cover the race course. The receiver worked good except for interference from a paging transmitter. The morning of the race a filter was installed on the receiver and the system did a great job during the race after initial problems were worked out. After the race was over, Ken talked to County Commissioner, Rick Modesitt, about installing a permanent receiver at the park. Ken was told to get on the County Commission Agenda and bring his proposal to them. He was instructed to wait about a month before doing so. The Laurel Creek Remote Receiver has been installed in a ammo box with a couple of batteries so that it can be taken to remote locations on a temporary basis. Ken said that all the Remote Receivers that he could test are up and running.

Terry, KC8TUE, Denise, KC8TUF, and Don, N8NUS, gave reports on grants that are going to be applied for shortly. The Fall grant season is about to be starting up. Terry said that he missed one of the grant dead lines, but there are several other ones available. The Ross Foundation grant has a deadline of October 1. Don said that he has to go to Charleston on Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th, about the CERT grants. He explained a little more about the CERT grants.

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

The Subcontract with Eastwood VFD is still on hold.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that she is still getting hours of the members put together. There will be a certificate given at the end of each year to

those members who meet and exceed a minimum amount of hours. The minimum amount of hours hasn't been determined yet, but she and Ken, WA8LLM, are working on it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the description of the Board of Directors will be number 7 and placed in the By-Laws right after number 6 which is the description of the Trustees. The Trustees will be looking over the By-Laws for any changes that need to be made. After the changes are made in the By-Laws, it will be brought back to the membership to be voted on. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he needs the names of the Board of Directors and contact numbers for the grants that he is working on.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that she hasn't sent out any more donation letters at this time, she is still working on grants.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He said that we made about \$100 more than we did last year. The weather was good and we didn't have any problems.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He said he was proud of the way the race went this year. The Mile Markers were able to get their stop watches set with no trouble at all. Ken said the 6.5 Mile Markers that he reported on last month was wrong. It is a 6.2 Mile Marker. The 6.2 Mile Marker was marked as 10K on the pavement. The Remote Receiver at Fort Borman Park worked great. Ken, KB8QPW, was able to get into the receiver from the Mineral Wells Rest Area, and Ray, KC8RUJ, was able to get into the receiver from inside the Dupont Plant with his Hand Held Radio. We had all of the Mile Markers communications covered, but we didn't have all the Water Stops covered. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Two Mile Race. The Two Mile Race was a lot harder trying to announce the names for, since it was only 10 to 15 minutes from the start of the race until the runners were showing up at the Finish Line, and they were coming in groups of 15 to 20 at a time. It was almost impossible for Judy, N8UFQ, to get all the runner numbers and give them to the Data Entree person.

A report on the annual picnic was given, and in general, everyone there seemed to like the location and all of the food. We may use the same location next year.

There was a reminder of the Safety Fair that will be held on Saturday,

October 6th, at Erickson Field on South Side from 10 am to 3 pm.

There was a reminder of the BINGO games at the Volcano Days festival on September 28th, 29th, and 30th. Anyone wanting to camp at the festival just needs to bring whatever they need to camp with.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard any more about the FEMA trailers. He has talked to Mike Dailey from Eastwood VFD several times, and nothing has been done about going to get the trailers. They are on hold at this time.

There was a reminder that the Chick-Fil High School Cross Country races will be held on September 15th. The first race will start at 9:00 am. Radio operators should be on location by 8:00 am.

There was also a reminder about another Middle School, High School Cross Country races that will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 5:00 pm. Radio operators will be needed at those races. There will be two or four races. We should be finished by 7:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition BINGO Report was sent to the Tax Department before the August 21st deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

A Labor Day Safety Break was held September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. It was a last minute event. The Department of High Ways forgot to send out notification letters. Terry, KC8TUE, was able to fill the schedule with very little notice.

There will be an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) State Wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled on the same day as the Safety Fair. The scenario this year will be Mass or Western Migration. We need to take advantage of all the Public Safety agencies that will be at the Safety Fair. We want to use as much Packet Radio as possible.

The Junior High School Cross Country Races which were scheduled for October 2nd, has been changed to October 1st. Normally WCEC is unable to provide the communications for it, since it usually falls on the WCEC Meeting night. Anyone that can help with the race is asked to be at the 4-H Camp Grounds before the races start. The first race is at 5:00 pm. All of the Races should be over by 7:00 pm.

Denise, KC8TUF, explained about the flag poles that she purchased from Wal*Mart, that can be used for emergency antenna mast pipe. It took about three weeks, but WCEC was able to purchase 9 of the flag poles for 45 dollars each. Ken, WA8LLM, said he will try to design a Two Meter antenna that can be built inside the pole. A couple of the flags were sold at the meeting, so Denise took the rest of the flags to try and sell them on EBay. The poles could also be used to hold a green strobe light to identify a Command Post.

WCEC will be loaning the tables and chairs to Eastwood VFD for their Pig Roast which will be held on Saturday, September 8th. Mineral Wells VFD wants to borrow a 24 by 40 canopy for their Pig Roast which will also be on September 8th.

Tim, N8WO, said that he wanted to be relieved as a Trustee. Ken, WA8LLM, asked if anyone wanted to take the position of Trustee, but there was no takers. It will be brought up again at the next meeting. If anyone is interested let Ken, WA8LLM, know.

Tim, N8WO, also cited an incident where an updated list of member telephone numbers and E-Mails would have been helpful.

Dave, KC8VLK, asked about the Simplex Net. Ken, WA8LLM, said the Simplex Net is doing good, and that if any one would like to operate as the Net Control Station for any of our Sunday nets at 8:30 pm, he would like to see them do it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has changed out the TNC on the Wood County NODE/PBBS of WOODWV/PKBGWV to a 512K memory chip and the DAREN News and District 3 ARES Bulletins will be posted there. The PBBS will now allow 5 operators to connect into it as the same time.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,

Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas
KD8EMM/Unit 353, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit
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