

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

August 5, 2008

After the annual WCEC Picnic was held a short business meeting was called to order at about 7:11 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There were 43 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the July 1, 2008, minutes as they were E-Mailed was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Terry, KC8TUE. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and a motion to accept, was made by Matt, KD8GWP and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Since the meeting was going to be short, a report on the 147.255 repeater system was held off until the September Meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the grant that he is going to re-submit with the Parkersburg Community Foundation. He did talk to the person over the Parkersburg Foundation, and she said there was nothing wrong with the grant proposal, they just ran out of money before our grant was acted upon. He is also going to submit a grant with the Bowen Foundation which is based in Wheeling. Terry is going to call them at the first of the week since they are on vacation this week.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their hours and their mileage to any activities they are involved with.

Dave, N8NWV, said that his garage is cleaned out and that we can hold an antenna party any time we want except Monday, Thursday, and Friday. He suggested that we hold off until September when it won't be so hot in the garage.

The 200 foot tower is on hold. Ken, WA8LLM, said the only reason that he was looking at getting it was because it was free for taking down. But, since it is already on the ground, that we would have to pay for it. Unless it can be acquired at a reasonable price, we really don't have a use for it at this time. He is going to keep in contact with the Mason County Office of Emergency Services to see what might happen to it.

It was decided to hold off any discussion about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) until the September meeting.

It was decided to hold off about RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) until the September meeting.

It was decided to hold off any discussion on the Swap Meet until the September meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone they should complete as many of the NIMS IS courses as they can. The IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800B books are still out on loan to other members. Some of the members said they are still working on their courses, and some have already been completed.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a copy of the Field Day Report that was submitted to the ARRL. He also forwarded an E-Mail that he had received back from the ARRL, after he submitted the report. Due to the storm there was a few bonus points that were missed out on. A short discussion followed.

Copies of the Hidden Word Puzzles, that Cathy, KC8DJJ, printed up were available for members to pick up. The answers to last month's puzzle was on the back of this month's puzzle.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the EOC Training Class which was held on July 15th, 16th, and 17th. Ken also passed out certificates to those who attended one of the courses. Ken gave a description of how the class was held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has ordered the BINGO Licenses for the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days. He said that he got a telephone call from the WV Tax Department about the licenses. They were a little confused as to why we had sent them \$200. Ken explained that it was for two applications which was written on the front of the envelope and on the check. The licenses should be here within a week.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that W5YI VE Testing would be held on Saturday, August 9th, at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Communications Center on Core Road.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a list for members who wants to help with the Parkersburg Half Marathon, which will be held on Saturday, August 15th.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held on August 15th, 16th, and 17th. Set-up day will be Thursday August 14th.

There was reminder the Volcano Days Festival BINGO will be held September 26th, 27th, and 28th at Mountwood Park. Set-up day will be Thursday, September 25th.

NEW BUSINESS

There has been no information if there will be a Homecoming Parade on August 16th after the Parkersburg Half Marathon. We may not find out until a few days before the Homecoming.

The Chick-Fil-A, High School Cross County foot races will be held on Saturday, September 13th.

The Wood County/Washington County Cross County foot races will be held on September 23rd.

The Junior High School Cross Country foot races will be held on either September 29th or 30th. Ken, WA8LLM, will try to find out which day that it is.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a copy of the 16 items which needs to be met to become a United Way recipient. We can meet most the requirements except being audited by a CPA (Certified Public Account). We need to find a CPA that will audit our books and won't charge us more then we make in a year's time. There was some discussions about who we might be able to get.

Denise, KC8TUF, gave a report on the banners and posters that she ordered and picked up for the Williamstown Safety Breaks. The company that made up the banners and signs only charged WCEC for the material, not the making up of the banners and signs.

The Huntington Hamfest will be held on August 9th.

Jackson's Mill ARRL West Virginia State Convention and Hamfest will be held August 23rd and 24th. There will be an Emergency Communications Set-up Competition.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Jim Peterson, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Nina Yoho KC8PPS/Unit 280, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Josh Morgan, Unit 299M, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Max Barker KC8JHI, Sharon Barker, Kyle Barker, Jeff Newton N8WQO, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Ashlee Wright, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jennifer Wright, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens