

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 2, 2008

After the group ate a Christmas Dinner, a short Business Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 37 members and guests present. Ken wanted to thank all of those who brought the food and deserts.

A motion to accept the November 4, 2008, minutes as they were E-Mailed was made by Duane, N8LDM, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and a report was made on how much money was made during the Thanksgiving Safety Break. Since most of the money made went for supplies and the Christmas Dinner, there was no money deposited in the bank. The money left over was put into Petty Cash. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Gary, KC8ZZS, and seconded by Tyler, KD8CCP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to hold off giving a report on the 147.255 repeater system until next month.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he saw on the news the Parkersburg Community Foundation had awarded their grants to only 15 organizations, and since we haven't anything from them, it is assumed that we didn't get our grant approved. Terry said he has some more Letters of Inquiry that he will mail our around the first of the year. He said that we can still apply for the Ross Foundation and Bowan Foundation around the first of the year and again with the Parkersburg Community Foundation which will be this Spring around May.

Members were reminded to keep track of their hours and mileage so they can be turned in around November of 2009. Denise, KC8TUF, said she would have the new record forms at the January meeting.

Dave, N8NWV, said there is no heat in his garage. There has been no interest in any work parties yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to hold off until next month to check on the 200 foot tower located in Mason County.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Don, N8NUS, about another CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class. Maybe the class can be held a couple hours a day for a few weeks. That will allow those wanting the class to be able to make it.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members they could still register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member by contacting Duane, N8LDM.

Gary, KC8ZZS, and Cathy, KC8DJJ, said they have an idea of holding the Swap Meet at the old YWCA on Dudley Avenue. The building is now owned by the St Margaret Mary Church across the street. The Pastor of the Church is Joe Peterson, N8DSN. Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Joe on the Radio and Joe was very receptive of the idea. He and Ken are going to get together in the next two or three weeks, before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to be sure and work on their FEMA NIMS Courses. He would like for every one to have the IS-100A, IS-200A, IS-700, and IS-800B courses completed by the end of next year.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she couldn't come up with enough activities that happen in December to make up a Hidden Word Puzzle. She said she would work on something for the first of the year and see if there is enough interest in the puzzles.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he talked to several accountants, but most of them wanted more then we make in a year to due an audit. A couple of them said they didn't think we needed an Audit, but just a Financial Statement. Terry talked to Joyce Mathers of the United Way. Joyce said that we didn't have to have an Audit, but we should have an accountant do a Financial Statement. We can get that for around \$250 or \$300. Any organization handling \$100,000 or more must have an audit. Terry also asked Joyce about holding the BINGO games during United Ways fund raising period. She said that would not be a problem. We now need to get all the paper work together so we can get a Financial Statement. It was suggested that before the application period that we should have a booth set up in a public location to make our appearance known.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Thanksgiving Safety Break. He said there was very few people on the road since it was in the middle of the

week. Dave, N8NWV, was the lucky worker who got on TV.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out new ID Cards for those who had updated their Medical Forms. If you didn't get your new ID Card be sure to update or fill out a Medical Form and turn it in.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing would be held December 13th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he went to the Post Office on December 1st and found that we now have both the Northbound and the Williamstown Rest Areas for Safety Breaks over the Christmas Holiday. We just have the Williamstown Rest Area over the New Years holiday. Ken said that he would get a hold of Don, N8NUS, about using his trailer in Williamstown for Christmas. It was brought up that we should not apply for any Safety Breaks for the Williamstown Rest Area next year. Ray, KC8RUJ, made a motion to drop Williamstown Safety Break, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried. Next year we will apply for Northbound and Southbound Rest Areas only. If we happen to get Williamstown by itself, we may work it, but if we have either of the other two we won't Williamstown.

Ken, WA8LLM, E-Mailed the ARES Forms to all of those members with E-Mail addresses on record. All members of WCEC are ARES members, but we need to have their forms filled out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Christmas Parade has been confirmed for December with the line-up 1:00 pm and the parade at 2:30 pm. Those wanting to help with the parade should to be there by about noon.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be a Simulated Emergency Test, to be held on Friday, December 19th. We need to have someone at each of the four hospitals, two Red Crosses, Two Health Departments, the E-911 Center, and the Airport.

Jeff, N8WQO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV, motion carried.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit

285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Jim Peterson, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Jeff Newton N8WQO, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Barbra Nohe, Brandon Zickefoose, Scott Jones Unit 299C,