

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 4, 2008

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.

A motion to accept the October 7, 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 motion to accept, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Ken said that he thought the problem of the repeater shutting down by itself had gone away, but it happened again a couple of days before the meeting. Ken said the only way to catch the problem is to go to the repeater site and have operators just keep talking on it until it fails, then maybe he will be able to see what is happening to it.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that she has not heard anything from the Parkersburg Community Foundation about the grant. She said that no news is sometimes good news. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has ten Letters of Inquiry ready to mail out. He said that it is cheaper to mail out the letter then to fill out grants and find that they don't meet an organizations criteria.

Some of the members brought their record of hours and mileage to the meeting and gave them to Denise, KC8TUF. Denise will compile the information and have it ready for the next grant that she and Terry, KC8TUE, apply for. Members can still get their reports to Denise.

Dave, N8NWV, said that his hand is getting better after the operation, and the weather is still good enough to work in his garage. Any members that want to work on projects should contact him or Ken, WA8LLM.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he called the Mason County OES Director about the 200

foot tower. The Director said the tower is still laying on the ground and there has been no decision on if it will be used or not. The Director told Ken to keep checking with him, and that he may be able to call Ken if anything happens first.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got an E-Mail from Don, N8NUS, about holding a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class. Don, wasn't going to be able to attend the meeting since he was going to be at the Civil Air Patrol meeting getting ready for an exercise. Don said that he could hold the class about anytime there is enough people interested and that he is not working.

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

Gary, KC8ZZS, said that Marietta Collage wants \$250 for the use of one of it's buildings to hold a Swap Meet. It was discussed that if we charge for those attending the Swap Meet, it should cover the cost of the building. It was also discussed about using the Parkersburg City Park and other locations. A tentative date for the Swap Meet would be on October 10th, 2009, which would also be the same day as the W5YI VE Testing. The testing could be held at the Swap Meet. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a list of those members who have taken FEMA NIMS Courses. He wanted to make sure everyone's record was correct. He also asked if anyone had completed any other courses. Ken said the IS-100A, IS-200A, IS-700, and IS-800B courses should be completed within a year by all members. Ken also said there is a new IS-802 course that just came out and has to do with communications. The IS-802 course test only has ten questions. It's not one of the required courses, but would be good to take.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, brought this month's copies of the Hidden Word Puzzles to the meeting. This month's puzzle is types of Antennas. The answers to last month's puzzle was on the back of this month's puzzle. Next month's puzzle will be related to activities that are held in December.

Carol, KC8TUD, said she talked to a CPA (Certified Public Account) who she was referred to. The CPA said that a CPA Report would cost \$4000 or \$5000. She said that if we could use an financial report, that

would only cost about \$500. She was told that some Non-Profit organizations can use the financial report. After the meeting, Carol said she would talk to Joyce Mathers and see if there is a less rigid report that could be used.

The Christmas Party is still on for December 2nd, at the next WCEC Business meeting. A short business meeting will be held after the dinner. We need to be sure to cover the new tables before we eat on them. Six of the new tables have computers built into them. Duane, N8LDM, said the OES is looking for cover for the tables, and they may be there before the next meeting. Our meeting date wasn't listed on the WCES Calendar, so we need to make sure that it is updated. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there would be a gift exchange. The presents should be no more than \$10. The gift should be for either a man or woman. Those who bring a gift will get a gift. Those bringing a gift will draw a number. The gifts won't be numbered. The people will pick out a gift in numbered order, that way they can pick out a gift different from the one they brought. If you want to swap the gifts around that would be fine.

Ken, WA8LLM, took pictures of those who were new to the organization, and those who just wanted a new picture on their ID Card. Ken said that he should have the new ID Cards at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has sent the Volcano Days BINGO Report to the state tax department. Since he now has the BINGO Forms on the computer it is a lot easier to fill out the application and send it in.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we have a Thanksgiving Safety Break November 26th through the 28th. A schedule was passed around to get the shifts filled in. Ken said that he still needs to make up some kind of device that can be hooked on the state signs for holding our safety break banners. It was discussed whether we want to apply for just Northbound and Southbound Rest Areas next year, or go ahead and apply for all three locations. Nothing was decided on, but we would wait until after the Thanksgiving Safety Break and see how it works out.

Bill, N8JXO, said there is a survey about the Swap Meet on the WC8EC Website and that people should look at and fill out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has already started to fill in the dates for the Schedule of Events for next year. Anyone having dates that need to be put on the schedule should let him know. Bill, N8JXO said that he needs to get the dates of any VE Testing that is going on in the area. It doesn't have to be only W5YI, it can also be ARRL.

Ken, WA8LLM, handed out a copy of last year's medical forms that goes in the back of the ID Card. Any changes should be made and given back to Ken so that he can update them and put in the back of the 2009 ID Card. He missed a couple of the forms, but they would be at the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was going through the records of ICS classes that have been completed, he noticed there were several WCEC Membership applications missing. When WCEC was first established, there were several member who didn't fill out membership applications. But, when we got better organized and became a Non-Profit, 501c3 Tax Exempt organization, we need to have a membership application on file. Ken said that he would check everyone's records, and bring a list of those who need an application on file. It's just a record operation, just to have an application on file. Bill, N8JXO, was asked about placing the WCEC Membership application on the website. The application could be printed off and then brought to a meeting. All new applications would need to be brought to a business meeting, and not just mailed in.

Jeff, N8WQO, brought in a cake to celebrate his friend, Barb Nohe's birthday.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is one Technician and two Extra Class License books available to purchase or borrow.

Dave, KC8VLK, said the Lubeck VFD was going to hold a Christmas auction on Saturday, November 8th, at the Fire Station. The doors to the auction would open at 5:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Mike, W8MKH, is organizing a Fox Hunt. The Fox Hunt would be held on either November 8th or 9th. Ken will try to find out more about the hunt from Bufflo Net held at 9:00 pm on Thursday on 28.405 MHz. If he finds out anything he will try to let everyone know.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray, KC8RUJ. Motion

carried.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Jeff Newton N8WQO, Barbara Nohe, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352,