

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
December 1, 2009

The group held it's annual Christmas Party at the Lubeck Civic Center.

After the dinner, a short Business Meeting was called to order at about 7:09 PM, by Ken, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 43 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the November 3, 2009, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Jeff, N8WQO, 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 the report was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he, Kevin, KC8OXY, Jerry, WV8HAM, and Mark, AB8WV, went to the repeater site and changed the UHF Receive antenna and coax on the tower. The following week Ken ordered a repeater controller and put together another repeater. He and Ken, KB8QPW, worked on programming the controller the following Friday. Ken, WA8llm, went back to the repeater site on Saturday and installed the new repeater. The repeater still doesn't have a voting system on it, the UHF Link Receiver just scans the Remote Receiver frequencies. The output power of the repeater is only 35 Watts, we are allowed about 65 Watts. Ken says he needs to get with Duane, N8LDM, and change the Remote Receiver UHF Link frequency at the Core Road E-911 Center, so that all of the UHF frequencies are spaced 50 KHz apart. The new repeater system seems to be working great. Ken gave a short explanation of the courtesy beeps to know the condition of the repeater and the power at the tower site.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he sent a letter of inquiry to the McDonough Corporation on a grant for matching funds for the \$9000 for the Health Department Communications Trailer. As soon as he hears back from them, he will be getting a grant packet, and dead line when it needs to be filled out and sent in.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about keeping track of the members hours so they can be compiled and added to any grants that we apply for.

The 200 Foot Tower is on hold until the January meeting.

Discussion about CERT will be held off until the January meeting.

There was a reminder that any of the members who want to register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member to contact Duane, N8LDM.

Ken, WA8LLM, sent around a list of the members who have passed some, or all of the FEMA NIMS Courses IS-100, 200, 700, 800, or their latest issue. If you have completed any additional courses, they need to be added to the list.

Ken, WA8LLM passed out new ID Cards that have been completed to members who were at the Dinner/Meeting. Some ID Cards still need to be printed up. Medical information needs to be updated before some of the WCEC ID Cards can be finished.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs to get the donation letter written up and sent to John Dobson, W8WEJ, for the crank-up tower.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department Communications trailer is in Marietta having some work completed on it, then it will be brought back to Parkersburg and be parked in one of the Fire Stations to start having the radio equipment installed in it. Ken said that while he was at the last Wood County LEPC Meeting, that Joe Richards, WV8WVU, who coordinated the Amateur Radio Cram Course back in May, said that he would donate two Yaesu FT-8800R dual band transceivers to WCEC, which could be installed in the trailer. Just before the meeting Ken received a telephone call from Paul Whited, KB8YZT, the ARES Emergency Coordinator in Kanawha County. Paul said he will be programming the two radios with about 345 VHF and UHF repeaters in West Virginia. Ken said the radios should be programmed by Friday the 4th and we should have them in our hands by Monday the 7th. Ken said that he is going to purchase equipment labels that will be attached to all of the WCEC equipment that will be installed in the Health Department trailer. Since the \$9000 grant was in the name of Wood County Emergency Communications, we need to keep track of any WCEC equipment. As time goes on, all WCEC equipment costing over a certain amount will be labeled this tags. Skip, K8SOR, suggested that identification tags also be placed inside any equipment that can be taken apart. If the outside tag disappears the information will still be inside.

Since Lisa, KB8UER, wasn't at the meeting, but had said that no one had shown any interest in a bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest, Anna, KC8JWW, said that we should drop the project.

Tim, N8WO, said the Vienna Wal*Mart has about 8 sets of letters that can be used to put the word "COMMUNICATIONS" on the new Safety Vests. Tim wanted to know if he could have permission to purchase the letters the next time he was up there. He was told that he could get them and he would be reimbursed.

Bill, N8JXO, brought a sample of the tickets that could be printed up for the 50/50 raffles that will be started in January. Bill has already ordered, and registered the program, and some of the ticket paper to start printing the tickets. The price of the program and ticket paper was \$47.95, which will be reimbursed to Bill. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that since we will be printing our own tickets that WCEC should purchase a printer, that way someone's personal printer won't get wore out. The tickets will be distributed at the January meeting, for the members to sell.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Region 5 Hospital Command Post Exercise that would held on December 17th. He said there was some changes that have been made, and that all of the hospitals that will be participating in the exercise will not be losing all of their telephone service, so they may not need radio communicators. There is still some question whither Marietta Memorial and Selby General Hospitals will be participating in the exercise. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he stopped by the Court House, and had WCEC put on the schedule for the 4-H building on October 9, 2010. The person who is in charge of the scheduling is supposed to get back with him on how much it will be, and when it needs to be paid. The price is supposed to be around \$125.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be W5YI Amateur Radio testing on December 12th at 6:00 PM at the E-911 Communication Center on Core Road.

The Christmas Parade is on December 12th, but WCEC hasn't been asked to participate. We may hear from the parade official a couple of days before the parade. Just keep that date open to help.

A schedule for the Christmas Safety Break was passed around for those who are going to help fill in a shift. The Safety Break will be from 6:00 AM, Thursday, December 24th through 6:00 pm, Saturday, December 26th.

Bill, N8JXO, mad a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Ray Bodie N8TWW/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB7YPB/Unit 288, John Miller KJ8M, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Andrew Wright, Harold Dooley N8WO/Unit 266, Jennia Dooley N8JMD/Unit 269, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362, Aimee Horton, Kristi Horton, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tina Perdue, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Skip Hall K8SOR/Unit 275, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Susie Davidson, KC8AFA/Unit 284, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353