

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 3, 2009

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 34 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the January 6, 2009, minutes as they were E-Mailed was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Tyler, KD8CPP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 147.255 repeater system still seems to be working okay even with the occasional drop out. Even though a lot of the county was without power, the tower site still had power so the repeater wasn't on any battery power after the storms.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't received any responses back from any of the Letters of Inquiry that he has mailed it. He mailed out 15 more letters a couple of days before the meeting. Terry and Denise, KC8TUF, are putting together the information for the Parkersburg Community Foundation grant. It needs to be submitted by March 1st. Denise said that she will need the tab sheets for the grant applications like all the other grants she does. She will need the 10 tabs sheets. The Ross Foundation and Bowan Foundation grants are due in April, and we can also apply for them again in November.

Members were reminded to keep track of their hours and mileage so they can be turned into Denise, KC8TUF, around November of 2009. Denise went oooops.

It was decided to hold off on any project parties at Dave, N8NWV's garage until the weather warms up a little bit.

Ken, WA8LLM, didn't call the Emergency Services Director in Mason County about the 200 foot tower. He said that he would give him a break from being called. Putnam County is still waiting for a propagation site study from Miller Communications before they decide

whether they need the tower or not. Ken will check on the tower before the next meeting. If Putnam County doesn't take the tower, WCEC will have the next shot at it. The price of the tower has not been discussed. The only reason we were interested was at the time we started talking about it, the tower was still standing and was free for taking down. By the time we decided if we wanted it, the tower was already on the ground. If the price is right, we may take it.

Don, N8NUS, gave an informative report about CERT activities, and on CERT Training. Several items were brought up about CERT Teams. A couple of items mentioned was that CERT members will need to have completed IS-100 and IS-700. The CERT Teams will need to be coordinated through county of Office of Emergency Services. Don isn't employed with CERT, and isn't able to make the CERT meetings, but he tries to keep up with the CERT program. He is able to give input to the CERT organization. He also talked about Grants programs. He said WCEC could apply for training with grant money. Don said that he could teach a CERT class, but would have to inventory the CERT bags that he has left over which were purchased by Wood County Grant money. The CERT Training is limited to the amount of bags he has, but he said we could apply a grant for more bags, books, and travel time and mileage for the instructor. Don said the CERT organization is thinking about having State Wide Credentialing, something like the CERT Card printed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. There was a show of hands of WCEC members who would like to have CERT training. There was about eight members who would like to take the training. It was decided that a class would start on the first Monday in April. Any one wanting to take the CERT training needs to contact either Don or Denise, KC8TUF.

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

Gary, KC8ZZS, gave a report on the Swap Meet to be held on October 10th. He passed around a list of committees that needs to have a chairman. He already has some of the positions filled. He talked about some of the positions that needs to be filled such as getting tickets printed, financial, and alternate activities such as for children who are brought to the Swap Meet. Bob, KB8RNE, asked if we would need to get a liability insurance for the activity? He was informed there may be a requirement for the organization to purchase insurance for about \$100 for the use of the building. There has been

no exact fee set for the use of the building, but they assured us it would be reasonable. Ken, WA8LLM, said the Joe Peterson, N8DSN, has WCEC scheduled for the use of the building on October 9th and 10th.

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 the year. The IS-700 course needs to be completed by February 13th. After February 13th the course will be IS-700A. It's possible that a few people can get together and work on the courses. Ken, said that he would like to have everyone NIMS compliant by the end of the year. Ken said there is a new course out that has to do with communications. It is IS-802. The test only has 10 questions.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs the paper work organized so that we can get a Financial Statement before we can apply to become a United Way recipient. The United Way will start taking applications in May.

Ken, WA8LLM, checked to see who all still needed their WCEC ID Cards. There are still a few that needs card printed up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that all of the ARES Cards should have been printed up and handed out. Remember that all members of WCEC are ARES Members.

W5YI VE Testing will be coming up on February 14th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there has been no committee meeting on the Radio-A-Day Give Away raffle. There has been some telephone conversations. A lengthy discussion followed. Ken explained several items about the licensing. It was decided to hold the finalization of the raffle at 11:00 am on the day of the Swap Meet on October 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Volcano Days BINGO will be held September 24, 25, 26.

Artsbridge at WVUP, will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009. The activity is under new management.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is another activity coming up around the last of July, the first of August. They want WCEC to provide the communications for the event. The event is called MOM, and Ken will

find out more about it before the next meeting.

Gary, KC8ZZS, suggested, and made a motion, that since most of the ideas for both the Swap Meet and Radio-A-Day Give Away have been discussed, and that any further business be held within the different committee groups. Motion seconded by Jeff, N8WQO. Motion carried.

Lisa, KB8UER, brought up for discussion about purchasing new safety vests that meet new Federal guidelines. We need to look for a place to purchase the vests, and decide how many we want to get. The vests would not be issued to all of members, but would be available if the members needed them.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP, motion carried.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Brandon Zickefoose KD8JXY/Unit 356, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Jerry Wilson KD8JNH/Unit 357, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Barbra Nohe Unit 299M, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Scott Jones Unit 299C