

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 3, 2009

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 29 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the February 3, 2009, minutes as they were E-Mailed was made by Matt, KD8GWP, 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 Tyler, KD8CPP, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A report was given on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Tyler, KD8CPP, thinks the E-911 Remote Receiver may be off the air. He can't seem to get into the repeater when he's in that area. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would check on the repeater.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the grant for the Parkersburg Community Foundation has been submitted. Terry said that Denise, KC8TUF, has started on the Ross Foundation grant which needs to be submitted in April. He said the Bowan Foundation grant needs to be in by June 1st.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was a little concerned about the 200 foot tower he has been trying to get. There has been some concern about how Mason County purchased the tower, and how they need to dispose of it. Ken said that he is going to hold off trying to get the tower for awhile.

Since Denise, KC8TUF wasn't at the meeting, there were no forms for the members to keep track of their hours and miles. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested the information just be kept in a book or on a sheet of paper, then transfer it to the forms when they become available.

None of the members who were wanting to take CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training hasn't contacted Don, N8NUS, or Denise, KC8TUF, about setting up a class yet. The members interested in taking the training needs to contact Don or Denise.

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 said there would be a committee meeting right after the business meeting is held. Everyone is invited to the Swap Meet meeting. He said that he still has a couple of positions that need to be filled. He said there may be advanced tickets that can be sold before the Swap Meet. There was a short discussion whether the event should be called a Swap Meet, a Hamfest, a Swap Fest, or a Ham Meet. Gary said that would be an item they would discuss at the committee 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 the year. Cathy, KC8DJJ, has finished taking the IS-802 Communications Course. The IS-802 course isn't one that should be completed by the end of the year, but might be nice to take. Dave, KC8VLK, says that he has finished the IS-300 course and has started the IS-400 course. The 300 and 400 courses aren't required by the members of WCEC. Matt, KD8GWP, wanted to know where to get the courses. Bill, N8JXO, said there's a link to the Independent Study courses on the www.wc8ec.com website, under training.

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. Ken says he still has a couple of cards that needs to be made up.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Radio-A-Day Give Away raffle committee meeting was held on February 18th at Bill, N8JXO's house. All of the radios that are going to be given away has been assigned. There were several rules that needed to be changed, but most of the decisions for the give away has been completed. It's going to cost around \$136 for the 1000 tickets and security envelopes. Ken, said that when he called the Tax Department, he was told there is no 60 day waiting period for the Raffle License since we held a BINGO License last year. Since we can't sell any tickets until about the first of May, Ken said that he was

going to take flyers to the Charleston Hamfest. Dave, N8NWV, wanted to know if any Hamfest flyers would be posted in any stores around the area. It was suggested that anyone wanting to post Swap Meet/Hamfest flyer or Radio-A-Day Give Away flyer, anywhere they could do it. Any one who has questions about the raffle needs to get a hold of one of the committee members.

Ken, WA8LLM, has been going to the monthly Volcano Days Meetings. Volcano Days will be held September 24, 25, and 26. License for the 2009 BINGO activities has not been applied for yet. We will hold off applying until we get all of the dates.

There was a discussion about purchasing new Safety Vests that meet the new Federal requirements. Matt, KD8GWP, suggested that we contact Bosley Construction. Several locations were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy, N8UFQ, received a telephone call from the Department of High Ways about holding a Safety Break at the Williamstown Rest Area over the Easter Holiday. A schedule for the Safety Break was passed around for the members to select a shift.

W5YI Amateur Radio VE Testing will be held on April 11th, at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Communications Center.

Charleston Hamfest will be held March 21st.

Jackson County Hamfest will be held May 3rd.

Athens Hamfest will be April 26th.

Dot, KC8HAI, said the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition will be held July 14th through the 18th.

There was a reminder about the Challenge At Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. The event will be held on Sunday May 3rd. There will be no activities on Saturday.

Artsbridge at WVUP, will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009. The activity is under new management. WCEC hasn't been contacted yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion about Red Cross CPR and First

Aid Training. Sharon Kesselring contacted him about a grant that she is going to apply for. Sharon wanted to know if WCEC would be interested in taking the class. There was a discussion and the group decided to inform Sharon they would be interested in taking the class. It was also decided to that they would like to have a one day class, which could be held on a Saturday, as long as it didn't conflict with another one of our activities. Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to have the class, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. Motion carried. Ken would get back with Sharon.

Ken, WA8LLM, read the information about the Mission of Mercy event which will be held on July 31st and August 1st. The officials want WCEC to provide the communications between the different stations. Ken said that we should set up the telephone system on the Thursday evening before the event.

Dot, KC8HAI and Dave, N8NWV, talked about the Angel Food Ministry. They explained how it works. Anyone wanting to purchase a box of food can find a location on the web at www.angelfoodministry.com.

Dot, KC8HAI, said the Parkersburg Homecoming will be held August 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

The Parkersburg Half Marathon will be August 22nd. Dave, KC8VLK, suggested that we do a dry run with the radios a couple of weeks before the race to work out any problems. We may be using a different type radio system this year. It had been suggested that we borrow the Wood County Emergency Services UHF Portable Repeater for the event. Duane, N8LDM, said that we should test it out. A short discussion followed.

Ray, N8TWV, said that Field Day would be held on June 27th and 28th. He said the ARRL has their Field Day locator site in operation again. Ken, WA8LLM, said that WCEC is going to hold Field Day at the same location. Dot, KC8HAI, is working on what food and drinks will be available. It was suggested that a committee be established, and that each station should have a separate group set up A station. A short discussion followed.

Gary, KC8ZZS, 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, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Barbra Nohe, Unit 299M, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Jerry Wilson KD8JNH/Unit 357, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Mark Stull KC8ZON, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2