

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
October 6, 2009

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 37 members and guests present. A motion to accept the September 1, 2009, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Rick, KC8VLM, and seconded by Jeff, N8WQO. 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 Bob, KB8RNE, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he's hoping to start working on the repeater just as soon as possible after the Hamfest. It still sounds like some of the Remote Receivers are not working, or the UHF Receiver at the tower site has quit scanning.

Terry, KC8TUE, said there still hasn't been anything heard back about any of the grants. He is hoping that he can get a couple of other people to help with the grant writing. He says that if someone who like lots of work, and no pay, he has a position for them. Jenny, KC8UYB, said that she would help.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to try to keep track of their participation hours. Don, N8NUS, said the amount of hours that are turned in does affect the grants. The hours may be classified as In-kind, Matching of Funds. He said at one time In-kind hours were rated at about \$11 an hour.

Dave, N8NWV, said that he hasn't had anyone contact him on doing any projects in his shop. With the colder time of the year coming, it's about time to close his shop.

The 200 foot tower is still on hold. Don, N8NUS, said that he talked to the Mason County OES Director the week before. He said there is one of the Fire Departments that has shown an interest in the tower, so he can't release the tower until he hears back from them. Ken, said that he may talk to the OES Director before the November meeting.

Don, N8NUS, gave a lengthy report on what's happening with Citizens Corp. He said that he had a meeting with Judy Ashcraft with the Health Department. Judy is willing to take over as the chairperson of the Citizens Corp Council that the LEPC has. Judy would like to take the WCEC Council, and the one downtown with Cindy Ware, and combine them into one. Cindy Ware is the person that is over the Police Service Council. Don said the biggest thing the Health Department is looking for is volunteers for the up coming Flu season. Don said that Judy is wanting to get several projects started with Citizens Corp, including animal care. Don said that Judy may come to the November WCEC meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, questioned whether WCEC is still a Citizens Corp Council. Don thinks we still are.

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 Hamfest which will be Saturday, October 10th. Gary would like to have those going to help with the Hamfest be at the location on Saturday by about 6:00 am to help setup.

Those wishing to help get most of the things set up on Friday needs to be there at 5:00 pm. We need to set up the tables, chairs, and the PA system. At the time of the meeting, there were four radios, a two ton floor jack, and two other prizes that will be used for main prizes. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said she has about 22 door prizes. She also has a couple of mobile check-in prizes. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Some of the committee members would like to have at least two other people to help with their jobs. Rick, KC8VLM, said that if we are planning a Hamfest for 2010, that donation letters should go out within the next two months. Most corporations will start putting together their donation list by the end of the year. There were several suggestions for little things that may be needed at the Hamfest. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Radio-A-Day Give Away. He said that we were only able to sell 92 out of the 1000 tickets. There were three winners of the radios. There were no winners of the triple digit numbered tickets, since there weren't any sold. With winning of the three radios, and the cost of the license, printing of tickets, mailings, advertisement, and other miscellaneous items, we will just be breaking even on the event. There was a discussion about when we should quit selling tickets. Ken had a letter, and a check, from someone wanting to buy a ticket, and didn't know what to do with it. Ken wanted to know if we want to keep trying to sell tickets until 10:30 am on Saturday, October 10th, or terminate the sales at the meeting. A lengthy discussion was held. Kevin, KC8OXY, made a motion to suspend the sale of any more Radio-A-Day tickets as of the meeting night, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after the Hamfest is over, and if we don't get any Safety Breaks, that he would like to put together one or more classes to get more of the members certified by completing some of the FEMA NIMS Courses.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took a few pictures before the meeting to get some more of the ID Cards ready by the end of the year. He said he would bring a copy of the members medical forms to the November meeting for the members to look over and make any changes that need to be made. New members will need to have their medical forms filled out so the information can be placed in the back of their ID Card. No ID Cards will be made without some personal and medical information in the back.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO. Saturday was a very rainy day, and we didn't make much money. We made money during the festival, but not as much as we used to. Anna, KC8JWW, said that

we lost one of our dedicated BINGO players. She had been at almost all of our BINGO games for the past several years.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still has to write a thank you, and donation letter, to John Dobson, W8WEJ, for the crank up tower.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the communications trailer for the Health Department. We are still waiting for the \$9000 grant from Grainger to purchase the communication equipment to go in the trailer. As soon as the grant comes through, and the radio equipment gets ordered, we need to start installing it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't registered the network version of the Field day Logging program yet. He said that after the Hamfest, he is going to get the program registered. Once we get the network program registered, we need to start getting wireless modem computers ready to go. Gary, KC8ZZS, says he's already working on that part of it.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A High School/Middle School Cross Country foot races. He said the Ambulance was dispatched seven times for various incidents. The heat was the biggest factor. Only one runner was transported to the hospital. The others were just taken back to the Medical Tent. Ken said there were three other Cross Country Races, but WCEC members were only able to help with two of them. The third one was being held at the same time as our meeting, but the officials knew we wouldn't be there.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Mineral Wells VFD borrowed one of our 24 by 40 canopies to cook under during their annual Pig Roast.

Dot, KC8HAI, said the food for the Hamfest has been taken care of. Father Joe Peterson, N8DSN, said he had a group of women in his Paris that would provide the food for the Hamfest. They would decide what they would sell, and for how much. We wouldn't have anything in it at all.

Rick, KC8VLM, said we shouldn't investigate the bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest. He said that he checked with three bus carriers. He said that before anyone would step foot on the bus, there would be an investment of at least \$3,000, \$2,500 to rent the bus with insurance. It will cost \$2.50 per mile, \$.35 per mile surcharge, a \$500 sanitation disposal fee. The group is responsible for 85% of the driver's wages. He said that by DOT Regulations there would need to be two drivers. If there is only driver, his lodging would have to be provided, even though it's a one day trip. Anna, KC8JWW, says that an organization she knows takes bus trips at least twice a year and it only cost about \$47 per person. Don, N8NUS, suggested we contact the Wood County School Board. Diabetic Camp uses school busses to get kids to camp, and Diabetic officials provided a volunteer driver, who works for the School Board. A short discussion followed. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that since Lisa, KB8UER, was the one to bring up the venture, and she was not at the meeting, that we should hold off until the November meeting if she is there. If Lisa wants to be on a committee and make the telephone calls, we'll look into the bus trip. If someone else wants to make contacts in the mean time, they are welcome to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to a BINGO/Raffle Seminar in Wheeling on Wednesday, September 30th. The first thing they talked about was Raffles. There is an exemption permit on operating Raffles, which means there is no license required. An organization can have as many Raffles as it wants in a years time, as long a no one prize is more then \$4,000, and that you do not exceed more than \$15,000 in a financial year. You do not have to register for an exemption, but you can. The Tax Department will issue an exemption license so that you can prove that you are allowed to operate a raffle. Also no reporting is necessary, you just have to keep your records for three years. Ken said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, talked about holding a 50/50 drawing once a month. The members would receive their tickets on a meeting night, and have until the next meeting to sell the tickets. On the meeting night, before the meeting, the tickets, and money would be turned in, and a drawing held. A check would be sent to the winner of the drawing. Terry said the only overhead would be the price of a roll of tickets, and mailing a check. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said the price of the tickets is about \$7.00 for a roll of 2000 tickets. Terry suggested the tickets would only be a dollar each, or 6 for \$5.00. There was a short discussion, but no action would be taken until after the Hamfest is over.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that WCEC loaned their UHF Walk/Talkies to Mountwood Park for use at the Volcano Days festival. After the festival was over, Ken and Kevin, KC8OXY, talked to the Park official about programming the radios with the Park's radio frequency. That way any time there's an activity in the park we should have very good communications. The Park officials thought it would be a great idea. Ken would get the H/Ts to Gary, KC8ZZS, so he could program them.

Jeff, N8WQO, said that he came across a 60 foot tower at a yard sale. The lady would like to have it taken down. She is going to give it to Jeff, but Jeff needs some help taking it down. He says he doesn't need all of the tower. He said that if someone needs some tower, and would help take it down, they could have what's left. Anyone interested in the venture should contact Jeff.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that Harbor Freight has a new supply of Safety Vests. Since we still have some money left over from the donation from Elite Lemo Service, that we should get some more vests.

Dot, KC8HAI, brought up for discussion about having the Christmas Dinner at some place other then the E-911 Center due to size of the room. Terry, KC8TUE, and Jenifer, Unit 299A, would try to find a place we can get scheduled for the dinner.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked Gary, KC8ZZS, if we need to write a thank you letter to the couple that sent WCEC a check for \$100.00. Gary thought we should. Ken will send a letter.

Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob, KB8RNE.
Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser,
KD8LKZ/Unit 358, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris,
KD8LLA/Unit 359, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Rick Greene,
KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene, KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ken Roberts,
Barbra Nohe, Unit 299N, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot
KC8JWW/Unit 263,
Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Ashlee
Wright, Unit 299F, Jenifer Wright, Unit 299A, Leland Wright, Cathy
Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring, Unit 299J, Tyler Arnold
KD8GNW/Unit 355, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273,
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276, Matt Greathouse, KD8KWJ, Bill Davidson
N8JXO/Unit 283,
Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Raymond
Johnson, KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Don Williams
N8NUS/Unit 279, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Mark Stull, AB8WV/Unit
291, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Skip Hall, K8SOR/Unit 275,
Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kendale Peterson, Unit 299E, Duane Jones
N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2