

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
April 6, 2010

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 28 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the March 2, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Jenny, KC8UYB, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. 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 Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Bob, KB8RNE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he hasn't done anything on the repeater this month. He would like to take some time and install the Power Amplifier to the Repeater Transmitter. He would also like to make the connectors so that he can start building Remote Receivers out of the Motorola HT-600 Walkie/Talkies.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't been able to work on any grants. He got a couple of letters of inquiry back saying that we don't meet their requirements.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their activity hours and mileage.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director, about the 200 foot tower this month. Ken was going to hold off a couple of months before calling him again.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Don, N8NUS, is teaching a CERT Class every other Thursday evening. There are several members taking the class. For those who miss a class, Don said that he would hold make-up classes.

Duane, N8LDM, wasn't able to make the meeting due to another meeting with the Challenge at Mountwood. The bike race will be on May 2nd. Duane said he needed a copy of the WCEC LOGO to go on the T-Shirts. Ken will be taking his trailer to Mountwood to be used as the command center. The WCEC UHF Walkie/Talkies have been programmed to operate in the Mountwood Park repeater system. We will be using the Mountwood Park repeater system UHF for primary communications, and Amateur Radio on 147.525 MHz as a backup. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to be registered as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member to contact Duane. Ken said the only Amateur Radio who can be registered as RACES, are members of WCEC. That was a requirement written up by Wood County Emergency Services. Jerry, WV8HAM, wanted to know how to find out if some of the members are on the RACES list. Duane has a complete list of members and he also sends out a letter of confirmation. Duane may

be running a little bit behind. Ken would contact Duane to see if he can get a complete list.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard from Mike Daley, KC8JHK, about any more NIMS classes being schedule at the Eastwood Fire Staion. Mike said that he will be resigning as the Chief of Eastwood shortly, we may have to contact the new chief about NIMS classes. Ken said that he still has the hard copies of the NIMS courses which can put together and hold our own classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to make up a few WCEC ID Cards. He still needs to get some of the medical forms updated before he can make the cards.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department Communications trailer is still setting at the Parkersburg #3 Fire Station at 13th and Liberty. Ken said that he was going to the trailer on Friday, April 9th, about 9:30am, to make some measurements and get some ideas on how to install the radios, and other communications equipment. Ken said that if anyone wants to show up and make suggestions, they are more then welcome. A short discussion followed.

Ken, KB8QPW, lettered some of the vests that Ken, WA8LLM, located. WA8LLM said that he has some more, but he just needs to relocate them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has the E-Mail address for the radio labels, but he hasn't ordered them yet.

The 50/50 drawing was held. The winner of the drawing was Pam Riffle with a winning prize of \$12.00.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Vienna Road Run, will be April 17th. The officials of the race said they want only eight people to help. Ken put a list of names together. Those helping with race need to meet 7:00am at Hardees in Vienna.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Chic-Fil-A Road Run will be held on May 15th. There was a discussion about the race. The race officials wants to have someone with a computer so they can read the names of the runners as they approach the finish line.

W5YI VE Testing will be held on April 10th at the E-911 Center.

Athens Hamfest will be coming up in April 25th.

The Jackson County Hamfest will be held on May 2nd, the same day as the Challenge at Mountwood. The Hamfest will be held at the Ripley Middle School in Ripley. The Hamfest will start at 8:00am.

Bill, N8JX0, sent out a list of items that needed to be addressed for the Wood County Hamfest. Items such as pricing information, starting and ending time of the event, time of the VE Testing, name of the building and location of the Hamfest for mapping, emergency telephone numbers for the Fair Grounds, Handicap parking information, talk-in frequency. Rick, KC8VLM, will try to get some of the information together. Gary, KC8ZZS, who is in charge of the Hamfest will be

leaving for Africa for three weeks in May. The date of the Hamfest will be October 9th. Bill said that he would like to get pictures of the 2009 Hamfest to put on the www.wc8ec.com website. If anyone has any 2009 pictures please get them to Bill at n8jxo@suddenlink.net. If we start early enough, we might be able to get a couple of commercial vendors to attend. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he would check with the girl who lives across the street from him, and does hats and T-shirts, to see if she is interested. Rick said there are still some committee chairperson position opened. Terry, said that he would take the Vendor Chair position. Bob, KB8RNE, asked about requiring insurance for the event. Bill said the sooner the information gets put together the better off we will be. The date of the Hamfest will creep up pretty quick. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received the information about Artsbridge at WVUP. He said the event will be held on Friday, May 28th. That date is about a month later the normal. Ken is going to check to make sure the date is right. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, brought up for discussion about keeping the Lubeck Civic Center building for the WCEC meeting place. Terry said the price has gone up from \$75 to \$90 a year for membership. The WCEC membership will be up in June. He wanted to know if we wanted to stay at the Civic Center, or look for another location. There was a lengthy discussion on different locations, and the pro and cons on staying at the Civic Center. The group needs to let the Civic Center know by the May meeting. Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to table the discussion until the May meeting, and Bob, KB8RNE, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob, KB8RNE, made a motion adjourn, seconded by Ken, KB8QPW. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276, Rick Sawyer, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362, Dean Roberts, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291, Brandon Stull Unit 299P, John Miller KJ8M