

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
July 6, 2010

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 34 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 1, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Tyler, KD8CPP, 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 Jerry, WV8HAM, and seconded by John, KJ8M. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the only thing that he has done with the system is replace the Power Supply at the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver. Jerry, WV8HAM, had told him that he wasn't able to use the Laurel Creek Receiver during Field Day. When it was checked out, the Power Supply was bad, and the back-up batteries were dead. Other than that, the system seems to be working okay.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the McDonough Fountain grant was ready. All he needs to do is print it off, and send it in. No other grants have been applied for.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director, at the Eastwood Fire Department Ice Cream Social. Chuck said the County Commission still hasn't made a decision on what to do with the 200 foot tower that's just laying on the ground. Ken said the next time he talks to Chuck, he will give him a telephone number to call, when, and if, the commission makes a decision. Ken said he's not going to pursue the tower any longer.

Three more members completed their CERT Class, and have received their certificate and Green Rescue Bag. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would keep the organization informed of any future CERT classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Duane, N8LDM, had vehicle troubles again this month and was unable to make the meeting. Duane had sent Ken a list of those members who are registered as RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), but Ken forgot to bring the list to the meeting again. Ken will bring the list to the August meeting. Ken would like for Duane to send a copy of the RACES Application form to Bill, N8JXO, to have him put it on the www.wc8ec.com website. When it gets put on the website there needs to be a note that says to be registered with RACES, you need to be a member of WCEC.

Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he is still working on the NIMS IS-700 course. Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members they should try to complete as many of the NIMS courses as possible. Jenny, KC8UYB, Rick,

KC8VLM, and Kennyh, KD8MFS, have been working on the IS-100 and 704 courses. Rick, WV8DOC, said that he would put together a Database that would keep track of member records such as the NIMS courses, Food Handlers Cards, First Aid, AED, CPR, CERT, and etc.

Ken R, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. The trailer has been moved to the Fire Station Number 2 which is at 16th and Covert Streets. There are still issues with some of the antennas on the trailer. Some of the quarter wave NMO Mount antennas don't seem to be working properly. Ken H, WA8LLM, said the trailer is going to be taken to the West Virginia Interstate Fair. Most of the WCEC members that will be at the fair will be working the BINGO, so we don't know for sure who will be sitting with the trailer. Ken H, said that Jim, KD8ITI, called him and asked if the trailer should be taken to the Safety Fair. He wasn't for sure if the Safety Fair was going to be held on July 10th or the 17th. Ken suggested that if the Safety Fair was on the 10th, it should go, but if the Safety Fair was on the 17th, there may not be any WCEC members to help, since that is the last day of the Interstate Fair BINGO. No one was for sure when the Safety Fair was to be held. Tyler, KD8CPP, gave some information that he had heard about the fair. He said that it was going to be held at WVUP, and that several emergency responders were invited to attend. Bill, N8JXO, suggested that if the Safety Fair is on the 10th, and the trailer is taken to the fair, that would be a good time for WCEC members to get familiar with what the trailer has in it, and what it can do. A short discussion followed.

Since the Monthly 50/50 drawing has not been going very well, Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to cancel the program, Seconded by Rick, KC8VLM. The group voted to cancel the program.

Rick, KC8VLM, gave a report on the Wood County Hamfest. Rick said there are a couple of chair seats still open. He also said that he will have to step down as the chairperson since he will be back driving over the road around the first of August. No one stepped up to take the position. Ken, WA8LLM, said that the group should still be able to hold the Hamfest without a chairperson. Ken said that while another activity was being held, he made a trip to the 4-H Fair Grounds to survey the proposed building. He gave a report on what he found. The building is about 48 feet wide and 98 feet long. There are eight poles spaced about 16 feet apart in the building. On the second floor each of the poles have electricity. There's no electricity on the poles on the first floor. There are about 25, five foot round tables between the two floors. There are about 25, three foot by four foot rectangle tables between the two floors. If we try to use the tables that are there, we may have to change the pricing, since he has never seen round table being rented, and most Hamfests use the standard eight foot by 30 inch tables. Rick said contact has been made with the Mineral Wells Fire Department about borrowing tables, but was told the tables belong to the Ladies Auxiliary, and they don't loan them out. Eastwood VFD doesn't have any tables, that's why they borrow WCEC's. Dupont is using Lubeck VFD's tables on that weekend. Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that we contact Grant's Rental for tables. Terry, said that he would E-Mail DEBCO Electronics to see if they will come to the Hamfest. There will be a business that labels hats and shirts at the Hamfest. The

type of radios that will be given away still needs to be decided on. All this information needs to be put together, and given to Bill, N8JXO, so that he can get it on the www.wc8ec.com website as soon as possible. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, contacted equipment ID Tag manufacturers to get free samples. He gave a report on the tags. There was a discussion on what needs to be on the tags. Rick, WV8DOC, made a motion for the group to pay up to \$300 for tags. Bill, N8JXO, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry will take care of ordering the tags.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group the West Virginia Interstate Fair & Exposition will be starting Tuesday, July 13th. He explained how to get into the fair grounds. Ken said he would have gate passes available for those who will be working BINGO. All of the trailers except one will be on location by Saturday, and setup will start at about 9:00am Sunday morning. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO Licenses for a the Interstate Fair, the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days are in hand.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon would be held on August 21st. Ken, WA8LLM, needs to know who is going to help and what T-Shirt size they need. The marathon officials usually want to know the T-Shirt sizes by the middle of May. There is still a discussion on what repeater would be used to coordinate the race. Workers need to be on location by 7:00am the morning of the race.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a brief report on Field Day. He would have a better report at the August meeting. He said that he was glad that we did back-up logging on paper, since there was a problem with the wireless logging program. Ken said that he has modified the paper log to allow for it to be seen better using clipboards, and also adding the frequency ranges for each band. Ken said that next year there would be some antenna changes which would make them easier to install.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that a list of T-Shirt sizes needs to be put together for those who needs a WCEC Communication T-Shirt. Whoever doesn't have a WCEC Communication T-Shirt, needs to contact either Terry, or Ken, WA8LLM. There were several T-Shirts brought to the June meeting, so there shouldn't be too many T-Shirts needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Bill, N8JXO, has the DONATION Button in operation on the www.wc8ec.com website. There have been no donations yet. Ken says that we need to get the word out that anyone donating \$5.00 and over will get a chance at the main prizes at the Hamfest. Any amount above the \$5.00 will be prorated with additional chances, the same as those who attend the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder that BINGO will be operated at the Parkersburg Homecoming on August 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

There was a reminder that BINGO will be operated at the Volcano Days festival on September 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to get the Thank You letter sent to Waste Management, for the monies that WCEC received from their employee participation program. Ken will try to get a letter sent before the next meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, passed around a copy of the roster for those who want to make changes on the roster.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that ARRL VE Testing would be held on Saturday, July 10th, at 6:00pm. Testing will be at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that six WCEC members took a Food Handlers Class on June 29th. Everyone who helps with the Safety Breaks, will need to take the class. WCEC will pay for the class. If you need a schedule of when the classes will be held, contact Ken.

There was reminder that the August Business Meeting will also be the WCEC Picnic. The Picnic will start at about 6:00pm, followed by a short business meeting. WCEC will provide the meat and drinks, just bring a covered dish.

Tyler, KD8CPP, made a motion adjourn, seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268,
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Stephen Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, John Miller KJ8M/Unit 365, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N, Brandon Stull Unit 299P, Jason Stull