

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
June 1, 2010

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 30 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 4, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Dot, KC8HAI. 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 Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Jerry, WV8HAM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said he, and Jerry, WV8HAM, made a trip to the repeater site since it was off the air. When they arrived they had found the battery voltage was down to about 8 Volts. After a little investigation they had found that one of the power leads coming from the 70 Amp Power Supply had burnt into causing several radio systems to operate on battery power, until they were too low to operate any longer. They were able to repair the power lead and get the batteries back on charge. While they were waiting for the batteries to charge they installed the 100 Watt Amplifier on the 147.255 MHz Repeater. The amplifier acted flacky, so they left the repeater the same as it had been. Ken said that he put a Packet station antenna, that's at about 60 feet high on the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver. The original receiver antenna was damaged when the 110 foot tower folded over at 80 feet.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he talked to Cristina Smith and Wendy Tuck after the drill/exercise on May 18th and 20th. Cristina and Wendy said they would help Terry with any grants he would apply for. The girls suggested that we apply for training equipment such as computers and projectors. Terry said that he is still going to apply for a grant through the McDonough Fountain as a secondary grant to the \$9000. The grant can be up to \$5000.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members to keep track of their activity hours and mileage. There has been a lot of hours put into building the communications trailer, the Large Animal Rescue Class, Artsbridge at WVUP, and the Safety Break.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to contact Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director, about the 200 foot tower. He said that he tried three times the day of the meeting to call Chuck, but he was always busy, or out of the office. Ken said that he would be sure to talk to Chuck before the July meeting.

The CERT Class that was being held every other Thursday evening has been completed, and four of the members have their rescue bags, but their certificates will be mailed to them. Rick, WV8DOC, said that Jammie with the Health Department is going to be starting a CERT Class in a few days, and that if anyone wants to take that class they

should contact Jamie. A short discussion followed about other classes being held at the Health Department.

Duane, N8LDM, had vehicle troubles, so he wasn't at the meeting, but he did E-Mail Ken, WA8LLM, a list of the RACES registered members. Since Ken wasn't at home when he got the list, he didn't have it with him. Ken will bring the list to the July meeting. Duane wants Ken to look over the list to see if they are still WCEC members. Anyone who isn't registered as RACES, and wants to be, needs to fill out an application and send it to Duane. Ken reminded everyone that to be registered as RACES, they need to be a member of WCEC. Ken said that he would contact Duane, and have him send a copy of the RACES Application to Bill, N8JXO, so that he can put it on the www.wc8ec.com website. There was a short discussion about being an ARRL affiliated club. Ray, N8TWV, said there is a West Virginia website that does have WCEC as a West Virginia club.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members they should try to complete some of the NIMS Courses when possible. Jerry, WV8HAM, said that he has started the IS-700 course.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Health Department Communications Trailer. He said that most of the radios and computers have been installed. There still needs to be some problems worked out. The trailer was taken to the Large Animal Rescue Class on May 29th and 30th, for a Shake Down and Show-N-Tell. One of the problems that was identified was the HF Radio which we thought had an Automatic Tuner, does not have one, that is an option. The price of the matching Auto Tuner is more than an external tuner, so one of them may be purchased. There were additional problems identified and worked on. A lengthy discussion followed.

No one sold any 50/50 drawing tickets, so there was no drawing held this month. It doesn't look like the drawing is going to be a very profitable venture, so we may end up dropping the project.

Rick, KC8VLM, was not at the meeting so there was no formal information about the Wood County Hamfest. Rick did hold a Hamfest meeting on May 15th. Jerry, WV8HAM, stopped by the 4-H Building on the way home from the Large Animal Class and took a video of the outside of the building. He also told about how some of the grounds were laid out. Anna, KC8JWW, said there would be a reunion at the building around the first of July. That would be a time to stop by and look over the building and get some ideas. We still need to E-Mail Tom and Debby, at DEBCO Electronics, to see if they would come to the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still has to order the ID Labels for the radio equipment which belongs to WCEC, from either grants, or other donations, and purchases.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chik-Fil-A Road Run May 15th. There were problems with the Database at the finish line. There were a few other problems that could be worked out before next year. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Jeff, KC8EEQ, gave a report on the Artsbridge at WVUP. There were a couple of people the group needed to keep track of because of special medical problems. There was a Fire Alarm activated during the event. The communicators who were there helped keep track of everyone since the building had to be evacuated. The WVUP officials wanted to thank the group for the help keeping track of the people. The activity was different from any of the past.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the group the BINGO games would be held at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition on July 13th through July 17th. Ken said that he needs to get the BINGO License ordered.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to get the names, and T-Shirt sizes, of those who are going to help with the Parkersburg Half Marathon. The Half Marathon will be held on August 21. Ken is still planning on what repeater to use for the marathon communications. There needs to be testing done a few weeks before the race. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder that Field Day would be held on June 26th and 27th. Logging for Field Day would be using the new N3FJP database. Ken said that hard paper logs would also be used. A short discussion followed.

Lisa, KB8UER, read a letter from Waste Management, and presented two checks in the amount of \$250 each from a project where employees volunteer their time to the community. Ken, WA8LLM, wants to thank Lisa, and Judy, N8UFQ, for participating in the program, and getting the \$500. Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to know if there needed be a letter of thanks sent to Waste Management. Lisa said that it's not necessary, but if we wanted to, that would be okay. Ken said that he would get a letter together.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought the T-Shirts from the last order to the meeting, for those who needed T-Shirt. A list of those still needing T-Shirts is being put together. The new T-Shirts will be ordered from a company that is across the street from Terry, KC8TUE.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about selling Hamfest Tickets prior to the Hamfest. It was also discussed about adding a donation button on the website so that anyone could donate using Paypal. Anyone donating five dollars, or more, would get a ticket, or tickets, for the main prize drawing at the Hamfest. Telling about a drawing in reference to the donation through Paypal could not be made. It could be said that an incentive could be added in reference to a donation.

Since there is a new person at the Department of Highways, the scheduling of Safety Breaks are on short notice. WCEC did get a notice of the Safety Break for Memorial Day. A lengthy discussion followed.

There was a discussion about needing to have a Food Handler's Card at Safety Breaks. Ken, WA8LLM, was going to check with the Heath Department on the requirements.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Terry Mills
KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Dave Wright
N8NWV/Unit 285, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273,
Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jerry Wilson
WV8HAM/Unit 357, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Bob Smith
KB8RNE/Unit 276, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Gary Bosworth
KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit
354, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Lisa Hendershot
KB8UER/Unit 270, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit
253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Leland Wright Unit 299L, Judy
Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Anna Hendershot
KC8JWW/Unit 263, Brandon Stull Unit 299P, Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291