

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
March 2, 2010

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

A motion to accept the February 2, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Jennifer, KC8UYB, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. 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 Rick, KC8VLM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken showed how the Identifier for the new Remote Receivers was going to be used. Ken said that he's still working on the connectors which will go on the top of the Motorola HT-600 Walkie/Talkies. The HT-600 radios will be used to build Remote Receivers. The new Remote Receivers will use an HT-600 VHF radio for the Receiver on 147.855 MHz, and an HT-600 UHF radio will be used for the Transmitter on one of the 439 MHz Link Frequencies. Ken said that when the new Remote Receivers are built, and installed, most stations should be able to use low power on the repeater system. Using low power on the system will keep them from getting into a distant receiver which may sound noisy into the repeater. Ken said that he has five of the Remote Receiver Identifiers put together, but he still needs to finish the rest of the Printed Circuit Boards, and get the connector plugs built.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he still hasn't heard anything back about the letters of inquiry that he has sent out for grants.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their activity hours and mileage. They can be used as in-kind for any grants that we happen to apply for.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director about the 200 foot tower. Chuck said the Leon VFD is not going to use the tower. He is working with the County Commission on how to dispose it. He said to keep in contact, and he would let us know how they are going to get rid of it. Chuck accidentally let his Amateur Radio License expire. He knew it was coming up for renewal, but got busy and let the expiration go outside of the grace period.

Don, N8NUS, was unable to attend the meeting, but he called Ken, WA8LLM, and said Wendy Tuck with the Volunteer Action Center was going to hold a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Class. The class is 16 hours long and he said he would be able to teach the class a couple of ways. The class could be held on April 3rd and 4th, which is the Easter Weekend. He could also teach the class on April 17th and 18th. The 17th and 18th is an EMS Weekend, and he would like to attend one of those classes on that weekend. Or, he could teach the class in four sessions. The sessions would be every

other Thursday from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. The first class would be March 25th. The other dates would April 8th, April 22nd, and May 6th. He would like to know how many people would like to take the class and what dates they would like to have. Those wanting to take the class said they would like to have the classes on Thursdays. The class would be held at the Civil Air Patrol building.

Duane, N8LDM, said that no one had contacted him lately about registering as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member. Duane said that he has a complete list of those Amateurs who are already registered.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that will all of the bad weather the NIMS Classes that were going to be held at the Eastwood Fire Station had to be cancelled. If the classes get rescheduled, Mike Daley, KC8JHK, the Fire Chief of the Eastwood VFD, would let WCEC know when they would be held. Don't forget the IS 100, 200, 700, and 800 classes can be taken on line. A link to find the classes can be found on the www.WC8EC.com website under the training page. Ken says he still has the hard copy of the classes. He just needs to put the courses together, and he could teach the NIMS classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked all members who were present if they had their WCEC and ARES Cards. There were a couple cards that needed to be printed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department Communications trailer is still setting at the Parkersburg #3 Fire Station. With all of the bad weather nothing has been done.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has found the Safety Vests, and the letters to go on them, he just needs to get them put together.

The 50/50 drawing was held. The winner of the drawing was Pam Riffle with a winning prize of \$10.50.

Gary, KC8ZZS, wasn't at the meeting, so Rick, KC8VLM, gave a report. He said there are still some positions that need to be filled for the Hamfest. He read off a list of positions that need to be filled. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he went to the Court House and got the paperwork to rent the building at the 4-H Campground. He said the money should be turned in at the same time the contract is returned to the Court House. He said that we can be in the building at 5:00PM on the Friday evening October 8th, before the Hamfest to set up. We have to be out of the building by 6:00PM on Saturday, October 9th, the day of the Hamfest. The cost for the building is \$125. To use the kitchen it would cost \$60 per day. It was suggested that we take all of our own equipment to set up and not use the kitchen. We would need to sell a lot of Hot Dogs to pay for the kitchen. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to order the labels to be placed on the WCEC equipment which is being purchased, and installed in the Health Department Communications Trailer. Ken, KB8QPW, said he would E-Mail WA8LLM, the address for the labels.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he needs at least 8 radio operators for the Challenge at Mountwood, Mountain Bike Race, on May 2nd. A list of names and shirt sizes was put together.

There was a reminder that the Jackson County Hamfest is also on May 2nd. The Hamfest will be held at the Ripley Middle School.

There was a reminder the Vienna Road Run is April 17th.

There was a reminder the Chic-Fil-A Road Run would be May 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would update the schedule of events list before the next meeting, and E-Mail it out with the minutes.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Packet Radio class, which was held February 21st. The Packet class was pushed out to the date that was reserved for the Telephone class. He said that he needs to get another date reserved for the Telephone class.

There was question if we will be operating a Safety Break over the Easter weekend. There had been no letters received from the Department of High Ways at the time.

Rick, KC8VLM, reminded everyone the Charleston Hamfest will be coming up on March 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark, AB8WV, talked about holding ARRL VE Testing at 6:00PM on the Second Saturday of every other month. The testing would be held the opposite month from the W5YI VE Testing. The first ARRL Testing will be held on March 13th, at the Health Department on 6th Street.

March 14th, Daylight Savings Time starts.

Duane, N8LDM, gave a report on the new E-911 Communications Van. He said they have been doing a little training on it. It should be ready to go into operation shortly.

Field Day will be on June 26th and 27th.

W5YI VE Testing will be held on April 10th, at 6:00Pm at the E-911 Communications Center.

Dave, N8NWV, would like to have a crash course for General Class License. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would look at trying to hold such a course.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he E-Mailed the information about the Greater Ohio Bikers Association bike ride. If anyone was interested in helping they need to contact the person listed on the E-Mail.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he, Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI were going to the Washington County OES to demonstrate how the portable telephone system works. Washington County is going to establish an Emergency Operation Center, but don't have enough telephone lines.

Tricia, KC8VLI, made a motion adjourn, seconded by Dot, KC8HAI.
Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Judy Peterson
N8UFQ/Unit 255, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Terry Mills
KC8TUE/Unit 289, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Barbra Nohe Unit
299N,
Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Jeff Newton
N8WQO/Unit 298, Ashlee Wright Unit 299F, Leland Wright Unit 299L,
Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Matt Wright
KD8GWP/Unit 354, Matt Greathouse KD8KWJ/Unit 363, Rick Greene
KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Duane Jones
N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Kevin Harris
KC8OXY/Unit 253, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot
KB8UER/Unit 270, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Jerry Wilson
KD8JNH/Unit 357, Mark Stull AB8WV/Unit 291, Brandon Stull Unit 299M,
John Miller KJ8M, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Rick Sawyer