

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
May 4, 2010

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 26 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the April 6, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Rick, KC8VLM. 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 Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said he had plans to make a trip to the repeater site and put the RF Power Amplifier on the repeater before the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Races. But, since it had been raining for several days, there was no way of driving to the site. Ken said the Laurel Creek receiver may not be in the best shape. A large tree fell across the guys wires of the 110 foot tower which had the Remote Receiver antenna on it. The tower bent at the 80 foot section. The Laurel Creek receiver will be off the air until a temporary antenna can be installed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he started to work on a grant to the McDonough Fountain. Terry said the grant is a back-up grant, which can be submitted in association with another grant.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of their activity hours and mileage. Rick, WV8DOC, E-mailed Ken a copy of his hours for the month of March and April. That might be the way of keeping track of the hours and mileage.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director, about the 200 foot tower lately. Ken said that he would contact Chuck this month and see if he has an answer.

The CERT Class every other Thursday evening is still being held. The next class would be on Thursday May 6th. It was reported that Don, N8NUS, would be holding make-up classes for those who missed a class or two. There are about eight students in the class.

Duane, N8LDM, said he has been busy putting together the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race, so he hasn't put a list of RACES registered members together yet. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if anyone wants to be registered as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member to contact Duane.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard from anyone who might be taking or completing any NIMS classes. Ken said that he still has the hard copies of IS-100, 200, 700, and 800, which need to be put in folders or a book. Those needing to take the NIMS classes can either study the books, or we can try to get a classroom class put together.

Brad, KC8TYU, said that Eastwood VFD may be holding some classes in July.

Ken, WA8LLM, ask if anyone was missing an ARES or WCEC ID Card. He thinks he has most of them printed up and passed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Health Department Communications trailer. Several members showed up to help engineer and install some of the communications equipment. There will be work parties at the trailer about every Friday until most of the equipment has been installed and working. The trailer is still setting at the Parkersburg #3 Fire Station at 13th and Liberty. A short discussion about the progress of the trailer was held.

No one sold any 50/50 drawing tickets, so there was no drawing held this month.

Rick, KC8VLM, said that Gary, KC8ZZS, was stepping down from being in charge of the Wood County Hamfest. Gary has asked Rick if he would take over the position. Rick gave a report. He said there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Tom and Debby, from DEBCO Electronics. Ken said that Debby was in favor of attending the Hamfest, but she needed more information about it. An E-Mail needs to be sent to them. Terry said that a T-Shirt and Cap vendor will be attending. The rent for the 4-H building still needs to be paid. A Hamfest Committee meeting was scheduled for May 15th, after the Chic-Fil-A road run. A lengthy discussion followed.

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

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Vienna Road Run. Ken talked about setting up computers with a stop watch program. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder the Chik-Fil-A Road Run would be May 15th. The race starts at 8:00 am, and we need to be on location by 7:30. The officials are wanting WCEC to provide the announcer with the names of the runners as they approach the Finish Line using a computer.

Duane, N8LDM, reported on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. He was well satisfied with the communications. He was able to know where everyone was at any time he needed the information. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder that Artsbridge would be held on May 28th at WVUP. Since it was about a month later than usual, there may not be as many students and participates as usual. Anyone who wants to show up and help will be welcome.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the places that he had checked to have the WCEC monthly meeting. He said there was no place any cheaper than the Lubeck Civic Center, even at \$90 a year. There was a short discussion. Dave, N8NWV, made a motion to stay at the Civic Center. Rick, WV8DOC, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the WCEC Cellular Telephone. The service has been changed from Alltel to Verizon. The minutes has been changed from 700 minutes to unlimited, the cost in about the same. Ken explained why the changes were being made from Alltel to Verizon.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the West Virginia Interstate Fair & Expo BINGO. The dates for the fair will be July 13th through the 17th. Ken said that it used to be the organization's biggest BINGO event, but it has been dropping each year. The fair is the groups first BINGO games of the year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has to order the BINGO licenses for the Fair, the Homecoming, and Volcano days. The licenses are \$100 each.

Ken, WA8LLM said the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 21st. He needs to start putting together a list of those who are going to help with the race. The officials usually want to know what size T-Shirts are needed by the May Half Marathon Meeting. Ken is starting a list of helpers. Duane, N8LDM, said that he would check to see if he would be able to get the Wood County Emergency Communication vehicle to provide a UHF Repeater. Ken said that he was also building a portable UHF repeater. Ken, KB8QPW, suggested the Mountwood Repeater as a back-up repeater. Followed by a short discussion.

There will be ARRL VE Testing on May 8th at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department at 6:00 pm.

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

Lisa, KB8UER, talked about a program where Waste Management will donate \$250 to any 501c3, non-profit organization, for any of their employees who volunteers at least 40 hours to the organization. Both, Judy, N8UFQ, and Lisa have already submitted their paperwork for the donation. Both applications have been approved, and a check should be in hand within 30 days. Lisa suggested that maybe we can get some of the other Waste Management employees to help with some of our activities like setting up for. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Mike, W8MKH, thought Kroger has a similar program.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the business that makes T-Shirts will charge around \$6.50 each depending on the amount. There is also a \$30 one time, setup charge. We need to get a list of T-Shirts sizes and order them. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may bring some of the other T-Shirts to the next meeting.

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

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285,

Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot
KB8UER/Unit 270, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit
265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362,
Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Barbra Nohe Unit
299N, Brandon Zickefoose KD8JXY/Unit 356, Matt Greathouse KD8KWJ/Unit
363, Matt Greathouse KD8KWJ/Unit 363, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282,
Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Raymond Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Matt
Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354,