

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
October 5, 2010

The Business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were only 27 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 7, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Tyler, KD8CPP. 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 Jerry, WV8HAM. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he finished repairing the tower that was damaged by a falling tree over the Winter. The tower is only 90 feet now. He said that he removed an extra 75 feet of cable which was connected to the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver. He thinks the VHF Receive antenna still has a problem and will try to correct it in the next few weeks.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that nothing is going on with grants. He did say that Rick, WV8DOC, would serve on the grant committee. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jim Rose, KC8ITI, is working with Jeff Walsh, from the Grainger Company on another grant. Jim has sent a grant work sheet in the amount of \$7000 to Jeff to look over. The grant is for a PBX telephone system, telephones both cord and cordless, wire, telephone connectors, and additional Internet Repeaters to go in the Health Department Communications trailer. Jeff said the work sheet looked good the way it was, and would start doing his paperwork. Since there were cellular telephone problems after the Tornado in Belleville, Bill, N8JXI, suggested that we should consider changing one of the Internet Repeaters for a Cell Phone Repeater, if we get the grant. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the hours and mileage. There were a lot of hours in September with the Volcano Days BINGO, and the High School and Middle School Cross Country foot races.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Terry, KC8TUE, said they haven't heard about of any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes being held.

Any one wanting to register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member needs to fill out an application, and get it to Duane, N8LDM.

Ken, WA8LLM, checked to see if anyone had taken any NIMS courses since a list was passed around at the meeting last month. Ken said that he still has the IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 courses that he needs to put into folders so they can be passed around. Anyone needing any of the classes can do them with the folder, and then summit the test on the Internet. Ken said that Jim, KC8ITI, was going to help get WCEC registered with NIMSCAST, which is a government program of

keeping track of those who are taking the NIMS courses. A group which applies for a Government Grant needs to be NIMS Compliant.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department Communications Trailer has been taken to Sign Language, to have the new lettering put on it. Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the lettering. He said most of the lettering has been completed, but there were a couple of things that needed to be corrected. The trailer also has the WCEC and ARES Logos on three sides of it. Ken H said there will be an over the air upgrade to the satellite system on October 13 of. There was a discussion about when WCEC would be able to use the trailer. It was suggested the trailer be used for the Boy Scout JOTA (Jamboree On The Air). Bob, KB8RNE, asked when there would be on the job training. He was told that since we have complete access to the trailer, any time anyone wants to learn about the equipment in it, we can hold classes. Bill, N8JXO, explained what programs are on the computers and how they are networked together. He said there would soon be a Barcode Reader on the computer. A short discussion followed.

Ken WA8LLM, said that he sent E-Mails to all of the WCEC members that he could, and asked if they were going to help with the Hamfest which was going to be held this coming Saturday. He received a very few answers back. He went around the room asked those at the meeting if they were going to help or not. There were some changes in the door prizes. There is enough prizes gathered up that there will be a drawing every five minutes. Ken gave a short list of some of the prizes. A lengthy discussion was held.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Volcano Days. Ken said the records showed that \$685.25 was made at the BINGO games. A check in the amount of \$68.53, 10 percent of the games, was written to Mountwood Park.

Kenny, WV8EER, said that his T-Shirt packet, and price lists arrived today. He will be putting together everything he needs to start printing the WCEC T-Shirts.

Six more WCEC members took the Food Handlers Class. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if you take the class, and he doesn't make it down to pay for the class, to go ahead and pay for it, and the organization will reimburse you.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the program that Lisa, KB8UER, put together for the Cross Country foot races worked great. The program will be used on most of the other races that we will be involved with in the future. On one of the races there was a problem of the four wheeler sweep vehicle not following the last person to the finish line. Ken said that we should look at having a couple of bike riders who would follow the last runner or walker. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder the W5YI VE Testing would be held at 10:00 AM at the Hamfest on October 9th.

There will be another Cross County race on October 13th.

There was a correction on the date of Wood County Air Show. The Air Show will be held on October 17th. WCEC still hasn't been contacted to help with the communications. Ken, WA8LLM, heard that Wood County Emergency Services will be providing the communications this year.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, 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, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 298, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Crystal Barnette KD8LOB/Unit 361, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, John Miller KJ8M/Unit 365, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N