

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 1, 2008

Before the monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at about 7:05 PM. Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President, read, for the record, a list of items that has been brought up and discussed for the past several months. They are listed below.

1. This may upset some people here, but the ones that it upsets are the ones it's pointed at. If the shoe fits, wear it, otherwise get a new pair, or new organization.
2. This organization is a service organization, not a social one. If you want to be in a social organization, that's where you need to be. Since we work with a lot of Public Safety agencies they expect us to be as good as they are.
3. There is only one meeting going here, it's the one being administered from the front of the room. If you want to hold your own meeting, take it outside, or into the Hallway. Otherwise you are expected to shut up, pay attention to what's going on, and participate in this meeting.
4. For the last few months, it's been getting harder and harder getting help on our fund raising activities, and other events. From now on I won't go from person to person begging for help. I'll give out the information, and if you're interested, you should let me, or whoever's in charge, of the activity know.
5. I've been asked when are we going to do training? Training happens every time that we do any activity whether it's operating a Safety Break, providing communications for an event, Field Day, or representing our organization at someone else's event.
6. Since we are a service organization, that works with other service organizations, we need to follow their lead. Any new member in WCEC will be required to complete NIMS Course IS-700 within 30 days of membership. Complete NIMS IS-100 and 200 within six months, and have completed IS-800B within one year. Present members will be required to complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800B within one year. There are new courses that are coming out which we may, or may not, be required to complete. If so we will need to complete them at their suggested time.
7. Until we find a location that most of our communications equipment and vehicles can be housed, I don't mind keeping them ready for operation, since most of it is stored at my house. When, and if, we find a location that we can use as base of operations, I'll

expect all members to help keep our equipment ready to go whenever, and wherever, it's needed.

Ken asked for any questions or comments about the statements. None were raised. There were 23 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the June 3, 2008, minutes, as they were E-Mailed out, was made by Duane, N8LDM, 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, was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Terry, KC8TUE. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Ken said the "P" on the identifier indicates the repeater is on battery power, but he's sure that it's not. During a storm a couple weeks ago the power went off, and he thinks the circuit which the wall power supply transformer is plugged into may have been turned off when the service technicians went to the site to transfer the tower site power to a generator, and may have forget to turn it back on. The first chance he gets to go to the tower site, he will correct the problem. Ken said that he has disconnected the Remote Receiver at the Laurel Creek site until the severe storms are out of the area.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that nothing has changed on grants. Terry did talk to Christina Smith and that she would be willing to help us apply for FEMA grants. The grants can be used for administration costs for training, laptops, etc. Terry is going to re-submit the grant through the Parkersburg Foundation. He may be contacting them on Wednesday the 2nd. The grant is for a new communications trailer. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Joyce Mathers from the United Way about getting the list of 16 items that need to be met to become a United Way recipient. Joyce is supposed to E-Mail the list, but hasn't done so yet.

There was a reminder of members hours. There should have been plenty of hours over the Field Day weekend. Also be sure to keep track of mileage.

Dave, N8NWV, says that his garage is getting cleaned out, so we should be able to hold an antenna work party at his house before long. There was a short discussion on what kind of tools would be needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the free 200 foot tower. He talked to Chuck Blake, the Mason County OES Director. Chuck has talked to his Emergency Services Advisory Board. They want to hold onto the tower until they hear back from the Putnam County EOC Director. Putnam County is wanting to build a tower site. Chuck said to just keep them in mind, and check back from time-to-time.

Don, N8NUS, wasn't at the meeting, but June 30th was Don's last day with CERT, unless another agency wanted to pick up the program. Denise, KC8TUF, said that since she is a certified CERT Instructor, that she could hold a refresher class if anyone wants it. Dave, N8NWV, says that we should get a water shut off wrench to put in the CERT kits that most of us have. A short discussion about CERT followed.

If anyone wants to be registered as a RACES Member, they need to get one of the applications, fill it out, and hand it back to Duane, N8LDM.

There was a discussion about holding a Swap Meet next year. We need to start looking for dates. It was suggested to hold the Swap Meet on the first weekend in October. The Swap Meet date may be October 10, 2009. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded every one about the NIMS Independent Study Courses that should be completed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Field Day report needs to be submitted within 30 days of Field Day. There was some discussion about the problems that occurred during Field Day and what we did to correct some of them. There was a lengthy discussion on different types of antennas used and other activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the communications exercise held during the CWID exercise on June 17th.

Copies of the Word Search Puzzles that Cathy, KC8DJJ, created were available for those who like to work them. Last month's answers was on the back of this month's puzzle.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Lubeck VFD and Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Socials. Ken set up an Amateur Radio HF station at Eastwood for show

and tell. He also had MOBILECOM-1 at Lubeck. Very few people stopped by to see what we were doing. Eastwood used our tables, canopies, and chairs. Lubeck used our 24 by 80 canopy.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Pandemic Flu exercise that was held on Friday, June 27th. Ken said the telephone system was used at the exercise. Terry, KC8TUE, Tricia, KC8VLI, Krista, KC8VLJ, and Josh Unit 299M were also at the exercise.

A list for the 4th of July Safety Break was passed around for all to look at and try to take a shift. Since the Safety Break starts on a Thursday, most of the people would be working. It was discussed about getting some signs made up so that people would know there was a Safety Break going at the Williamstown Welcome Center/Rest Area. Terry, KC8TUE, suggested that some of the members donate cookies for the Safety Break. It was discussed that if we don't do any good this time, that we not apply for it next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the EOC Training class that will be held July 15th, 16th, and 17th. The telephone system will be used at the classes. Any member who wants to take the class should let Ken know, before all the slots are filled up.

Anna, KC8JWW, said that Deerwalk VFD used one of our 24 by 40 canopies for their Ice Cream Social.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needed to order BINGO Licenses for the Fair, Homecoming, and Volcano Days. Denise, KC8TUF, suggested that we only get the license for the Fair, then after the Fair order the licenses for the Homecoming and Volcano Days. Ken said that he should be able to get the Fair License within a week.

It was decided to hold a picnic for the August 5th Business meeting. Denise, KC8TUF, said that she would call and reserve a shelter at the Fort Borman Park.

W5YI Amateur Radio VE Testing will be held on August 9th, at 6:00 pm at the Wood County E-911 Communications Center.

Dave, KC8VLK, made a motion to adjourn, Duane, N8LDM, seconded, motion passed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris
KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Denise Magyarosi-Mills
KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi
KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit
268, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave
Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Tim Dooley,
N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit
263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, David Stevens
KC8VLK/Unit 274, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit
277, Josh Morgan, Unit 299M, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355,