

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 3, 2008

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 31 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the May 6, 2008, minutes as they were E-Mailed out was made by Dave, N8NWV, 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 was made by Bob, KB8RNE, and seconded by Tyler, KD8CPP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. He said that he got a telephone call from the Department of High Ways, wanting to know if we had put the Remote Receiver back on the air at the Elizabeth Tower site. Ken told them that he would let them know when it was put back in operation. Ken said that since there are only four UHF Link Receivers at the repeater site, that he may put a different CTCSS Tone on the Elizabeth Remote Receiver. To get into that site you would have to transmit a different tone. That tone hasn't been decided yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he, Terry, KC8TUE, and Dot, KC8HAI, went to the May Community Service Council Dinner/Meeting, and meet a few more members of the organization. That would be the last meeting until the second Tuesday in September. It is hoped that by going to the meeting/dinners would help to get grants accepted.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to be sure to keep their hour reports up to date. He reminded everyone of the Safety Break hours. Don't forget to count your time to and from the Safety Break, plus the miles.

There has been no requests to hold the work party to make the Plastic J-Pole antennas. Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a new coax connector that will make it easier to make copper J-Pole antennas, if the organization decides to make J-Pole antennas and sell them on E-Bay.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Randy, WB8OHX, about the cameras that were going

to be installed at Fort Borman Park. He said the County Commissioners have not went any further on the project. It was decided to drop the idea of putting a Remote Receiver at the park until the commissioners decide about the Security Cameras.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Denise, KC8TUF, gave a report on the grant for the new communications trailer from the Parkersburg Community Foundation. Terry read the rejection letter. It said there were 66 applications and that \$571,000 dollars was given out, and only 32 percent of the projects were approved. We weren't the only ones that didn't get approved. We can still re-submit the grant again in July. Terry said that he would re-submit the application between July 1st and August 8th. If we don't get the grant approved the next time, that we would have to wait until the July/August 2009 cycle before we can apply again. Terry said that he may try to get a hold of Christina Smith, and Jay Parsons, to see if there is any way that we can apply for any FEMA Grants.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to the Mason County OES director about the 200 foot tower. The OES Director said that he had to pay someone to take the tower down, and that it laying on the ground at the tower site. The OES Director said that he would talk to his County Emergency Services Advisory Board about selling the tower. Ken said that he would call the OES Director in a few weeks to see what he found out.

There were several RACES Applications turned in. Ken, WA8LLM, has made copies before turning them into Duane, N8LDM. Anyone that wants to be registered as a RACES Member, needs to fill out an application and turn it in.

Max, KC8JHI, said that he talked to the Waverly Fire Department about holding a Hamfest at the fire station. He said there was no opposition expressed. We need to start looking for a date that wouldn't interfere with any of our activities or other Hamfests. It was discussed that we should just have a Swap Meet the first time and just have people show up. We wouldn't need to buy any prizes the first year. Mat, KD8GWP, made a motion to hold a Swap Meet as opposed to a Hamfest. Bob, KB8RNE, seconded. Motion passed. Gary, KC8ZZS, said he would still be willing to be in charge of the activity.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that we need to take the FEMA NIMS courses to show that we are trying to be NIMS compliant. If we try to

apply for FEMA grants, we need to be NIMS compliant. To be compliant everyone needs to complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800B. Ken said that when you pass an IS course, that he would like to have a copy of their certificate to put in their file. Ken had copies of the course books that he handed out.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone that Field Day would be held on June 28th and 29th. The location would be at Hendershot Farm Drive. We are going to operate 5A. There are two bands that we want to operate this year, and they are 160 Meters and 10 Meters. The 10 Meter Band is starting to open up due to Sun Spot activity. Any Technician that has an HF Transceiver can operate on 28.405 MHz, where a net is held every Thursday at 9:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he ran out of copies of the WCEC By-Laws and needs to print up some more. He also needs to get copies to the Board of Directors. He would have additional copies at the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, had copies of the WCEC Operation Plan, and the Wood County ARES Plan at the meeting. Everyone should have picked up a copy of each. Ken said that he would forward a copy of the plans to Bill, N8JXO, so that he can put them on the WCEC.COM website. Ken said that he forgot to put a date on the plans and that everyone should write the date of June 3, 2008, on their copy, so they would know that it was the latest copy.

There was a date change on the CWID Exercise. The new dates are June 10/11 and June 17/18. A short discussion of what the exercise was going to be about. Ken suggested that members who have Packet Radio capability should practice using it on the 17th by pretending they are at one of Veterinary Clinic, or Hospital. Don, N8NUS, said that he was in a meeting with Paul Howard from the State OES. Paul said that he would have the Amateur Radio antennas connected back up, and have the Packet station in operation for the exercise.

Copies of the Hidden Word Puzzles which Cathy, KC8DJJ, has been making up were available. The answers to last month's puzzle is on the back of this month's puzzle.

There was a report on the Artsbridge Communications. There were 13 communicators at the activity. There was only one minor incident, and that was one girl got separated from her group. The cordless phones

seemed to work okay, but the officials wouldn't answer when they were called. The activity seemed to be down from previous years.

There was a reminder of the Lubeck VFD Ice Cream Social would be held June 21st. They are going to use our 24 by 80 canopy, and a 10 by 20 canopy. We are also going to have MOBILECOM-1 at the social. Dave, KC8ZLK, said there would also be a car show at the social.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE testing would be held on June 14th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

There was reports on the Northbound and Williamstown Safety Break reports. Williamstown wasn't very good, and if we ever get it again we need to try to do better. Don, N8NUS, gave a report on using his trailer for the first time. Don thought his trailer worked out real well. He suggested that we use the word "training" when we are set up for a safety break. We can call it training for setting up a comfort station, which is a buzz word for Western Migration.

There were a reminder the Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social would be held on June 7th. They are going to be using our canopies, tables and chairs, and we will be helping them with their BINGO games.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Pandemic Flu Exercise that would be held on June 27th. That is the day before Field Day, and Ken said that he will not be at the Field Day site until after 5:00 pm to convert any radio equipment over to Anderson Power Poles.

Don, N8NUS, gave a report on CERT. He said that he may be having at least one more CERT class before his job runs out.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be an EOC Training class that will be held July 15th, 16th, and 17th. The classes are eight hours long and will be repeated each day at WVUP. There should be additional information at the July meeting. Those dates are the same as some of the BINGO games at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition.

A schedule for a Safety Break over the Independence Day Holiday was passed around. The Safety Break will be held at Williamstown. A lengthy discussion was held. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a suggestion to make up a couple of large signs for the North and South Bound exits.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Josh Morgan, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 279, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Tyler Arnold KD8GNW/Unit 355, Jeff Newton N8WQO