

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
November 2, 2010

The Business meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were only 18 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the October 5, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Rick, WV8DOC, 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 the report was made by Bill, N8JXO, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said that he decided to use the VHF antenna that was on the top of the 120 foot tower at his house for the Laurel Creek Remote Receiver. The antenna used to be used for a Weather Transmitter, but was taken out of service a few years ago. The change has improved the repeater system.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he and Rick, WV8DOC, are looking into a couple of grants they may apply for. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Jim Rose, KD8ITI, today about the Grainger grant. Jim has been talking to Jeff Walsh from Grainger. Jeff has already submitted the grant to the company, and is just waiting for a reply.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the hours and mileage. Most of the Summer activities, have slowed down but there are still a few things going on. In October there was a Cross County foot race, and two road races. The hours can be taken for the Hamfest, and radio nets that were participated in.

No one had heard of any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes being held. Ken, WA8LLM, said he will talk to Jim, KD8ITI, to see if the Health Department is planning any classes.

The member were reminded that if they want to register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member, they need to fill out an application, and get it to Duane, N8LDM.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought five copies of the NIMS IS-100, 200, 700, and 800 Incident Command System courses. Those who need to take those courses can take the tests on line after they finish the courses. Ken, WA8LLM, asked that when a course has been completed that a copy of their certificate be sent to him so he can put it on record. He found out the only thing needed for records in the NIMSCAST is the amount of members taking the courses, not their names. He needs to keep a copy of their certificates on file in case he is asked for them. To apply for any government grant the organization needs to be NIMS compliant. Ken said that he needs to go through everyone's files and see what hard copy he has. If He has any electronic copy of the certificate, he will print out a hard copy. He is going to try to have an electronic, and a hard copy of everyone's certificate.

Ken, KB8QPW, and Bill, N8JXO, gave reports on the Health Department Communications Trailer. Ken explained about the upgrade to the Satellite Internet system, and Bill talked about the computer programs and the networking. Bill said that he also has three or four laptop computers to put in the trailer. Ken, WA8LLM, was asked by Jim Rose, KD8ITI, to get any information such as contacts, and telephone number of anyone or any agency that we may ever need to contact, also any radio frequencies, they can come up with. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the cost of the Hamfest and asked for any comments, either Pro or Con, the members had heard. All of those attending, and working at, the Hamfest thought it went very well. A lengthy discussion followed.

Since Kenny, WV8EER, wasn't at the meeting there was no discussion about the T-Shirts.

There have been no more members that have taken the Food Handlers Class. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if you take the class and pay for it, the organization will reimburse you. A short reason for having Food Handlers permit was explained, and a little discussion on Safety Breaks were discussed.

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 races that we will be involved with in the future. That 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.

Since WCEC wasn't asked to help with the Air Show, there was no report to be given.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that ARRL VE Testing would be held on November 13th, at the Health Department at 6:00 PM depending on if Mark, AB8WV, is working that day.

Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that if anyone wants to bring their bicycles to be a sweep vehicle for the cross country races, they would be appreciated.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Catholic Family Road Run on October 24th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Wendy's first annual Halloween Fun Run which was held on October 30th.

Dave, N8NWV, talked about some equipment that he has for sell. Anyone thinking about purchasing any of the equipment, should contact Dave.

There was a lengthy discussion about holding a Hamfest in 2011. Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to hold a Hamfest in 2011. The motion

was seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. Motion carried. The Hamfest will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. The location will be at the same location. Ken will reserve the building in the next week or so. The group decided to get started working on the Hamfest, and getting the door prizes, and main prizes as soon as possible. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he already has an 800 Watt generator, and 12 multimeters, to be used as door prizes. Ken suggested that we make the main prizes, and door prizes, as close to Amateur Radio, computers, and electronics as possible, but and donations that we can get will be appreciated. Matt, KD8GWP, put together a DVD from the pictures that he had taken at the Hamfest this year. Matt showed the DVD at the meeting. Anyone wanting a copy of the DVD can contact Matt.

Medical forms, for the ID Cards, were handed out to be corrected, or updated.

Dot, KC8HAI, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting was adjourned someone remembered that the group usually holds their Christmas Dinner at the December meeting. Those who were still at the meeting decided to hold the Christmas Dinner at the December meeting. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would send an E-Mail to everyone about the dinner.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, 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, Raymond Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Ryan Riser KD8LKZ/Unit 358, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N,