

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
September 7, 2010

The Business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were only 20 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the August 3, 2010, minutes as they were E-Mailed, was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Rick, WV8DOC. 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 Harold, N8KO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. The repeater seems to have been working pretty well since the last report, so there was nothing to report.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he hasn't heard back from any of the grants that he was working on. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jim Rose, KD8ITI, had a dinner meeting with Jeff Walsh from Grainger Supply. Jim and Jeff talked about another grant to help purchase a telephone system for the Health Department Communications Trailer. Ken gave Jim a list of all equipment, cables, plugs, telephones, and cable that would be needed to put the system together. Jim priced out most of the equipment and came up with a price of \$7000. Jim was going to go to the County Commission before the meeting with Jeff took place. Ken explained that money from government grants needs to go through Emergency Services and the County Commission.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep track of the hours and mileage. There was a lot of hours in August from the Homecoming BINGO, the Parkersburg Half Marathon, and the Parkersburg Homecoming Parade.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard of any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes going on. He doesn't know of any activities where CERT Member has taken place.

Duane, N8LDM, brought RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) membership application to the meeting. Anyone wanting to be registered as a RACES Member needs to fill out the application and get it back to Duane.

Ken, WA8LLM, checked to see if anyone had taken any NIMS courses since a list was passed around last month. Anytime you take a NIMS course, let Ken know so that he can keep his records up to date. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Health Department Communications Trailer has most of the communications radios installed, now non-communications equipment is being added. Ken said that he dropped off a coffee maker, a microwave stove, and four trash cans the Health Department furnished. Ken passed around a picture of how the trailer would look

after it has been re-labeled as a communications trailer. The trailer was taken to Grainer Supply for an open house. Ken, KB8QPW, said that between 50 and 60 people went through the trailer.

There was short discussion about the Hamfest. Cathy, KC8DJJ, looked up the prices of some radios that might be nice to give away at the Hamfest. Ken, WA8LLM, said that a Hamfest Meeting needs to be held. It was decided to hold the meeting at Bill, N8JXO's, house at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 4th. Anyone wanting to have input to the Hamfest should attend the meeting. There is no formal Hamfest Committee.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has already started putting the ID Labels on some of the radio equipment. The first radios to receive labels were the radios that belong to WCEC or were purchased through grants. The second batch of radios with labels were the 12 Motorola HT-600 Handheld UHF Radios that we used for the Half Marathon, the Challenge at Mountwood, and will be used for Volcano Days. As time goes on all of the WCEC equipment will be tagged.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. Mark, AB8WV, received his UHF Repeater coordination a week before the Half Marathon, so we put together a quick UHF repeater and a couple of UHF antennas. There was only one weak spot on the Half Marathon race course. The race timers were able to start their stop watches using our radio system. The officials were satisfied with our communications. There were a few problems with the vehicle traffic, but the communications wasn't a problem. Ken told about how the spotters used to report the runners coming to the finish line. The timer now uses the microchips to report the runner name to the announcer. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Homecoming parade. He said there were a few problems, but he figures they can be worked out. He said that he didn't get the late entrees to the parade until about five minutes after the parade started, and some of them were the first ones that were in line. He said that it was interesting for a little while. A short discussion followed.

Kenny, WV8EER, said that he is waiting for a price list for the T-Shirts. He won't be doing any T-Shirts at the Hamfest. Kenny will just be doing the T-Shirts for the WCEC group for now.

Bill, N8JXO, said the donation button hasn't had any hits. The Early Birds tickets aren't selling, so we decided not to push it for this year's Hamfest.

There was a reminder that Volcano Days would be coming up September 24th, 25th, and 26th. WCEC will be operating the BINGO games. Setup for the activity would be around 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 23rd. The officials at Volcano Days have already asked for the radios that we used for the Challenge at Mountwood back in May.

The Food Handlers Class that three or four members were going to take was rescheduled. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would try to make it down to the Health Department to pay for the classes. But, if you take a

class, and have to pay for it out of your pocket, you will be reimbursed by WCEC.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder that ARRL VE Testing would be held on Saturday, September 11th, at 6:00 pm. Testing will be at the Mid Ohio Valley Health Department, 211 6th Street, Parkersburg.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there would be three Cross County High School/Middle School races coming up in September. The first one will be Saturday, September 11th. There will be ten races. The races start at 9:00 am and we need to be on location by 8:30. There will be four races on September 21st, and two races on September 28th. The races on the 21st and 28th will start at 5:00 pm. A computer program that was put together by Lisa, KB8UER, was shown to the Cross County race official. He thinks the system will work great. It should be a lot better than the old way of spotting the runners, and announcing their names as they approach the Finish Line. We will give the program a try at the first of the Cross Country races. A short discussion followed.

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

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Kenny Roberts KD8MFS/Unit 362, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Harold Dooley N8WO/Unit 266, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 276, Mary Smith Unit 299D, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris KD8LLA/Unit 359, Barbra Nohe Unit 299N, John Miller KJ8M/Unit 365, Jason Stull KD8OSU