

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
July 3, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 18 members present. Archie Carpenter, W8GWR, filled out his application and became a member as Unit 291.

Minutes from the June 5, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 147.255 repeater almost had to come into operation, even though it's wasn't ready. The old repeater was hit by lightning during a recent storm. He was able to patch the old repeater back together enough to get it back into operation.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that during Field Day, Joe, N8MEV, looked over MOBILCOM-1, and says there's still a little silicon that needs to be removed around the windows. The guy that is going to be painting the vehicle will be going back into the hospital for awhile. He will be in the hospital for three or four weeks.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Jimmy Mercer just isn't interested in working on the Road Run Clocks. He said his brother Leon, who is the Shop Foreman at Badgers, will be making the faces for the clocks. He has already started on them and will be getting back to Ken as soon as he gets one done to see how it looks. The clocks are still under construction.

Because of the bad weather, lack of funds, and all the activities, there hasn't been anything done with the property where the Base of Operation building will be built. There are plans to go to the site on Wednesday, July 4th, to burn an old barn that has fallen down, and mark off the area for the building and towers.

There was a discussion on the operation on Field Day, and how things could be improved for next year. Ken, WA8LLM, read a list of items that might be able to make it better. He asked for suggestions to add to the list. He will type up the list and hand it out at the next meeting. A discussion followed.

Lisa, KB8UER, says the area maps is still on the drawing table.

Lisa, KB8UER, says the Website is still in the planing and layout stage.

Both Al, N8UBG, and Ray, N8TWV, brought samples of Safety Break Hardship forms to the meeting. The information on the forms were

almost alike. We will make any necessary changes before making copies of them. We don't need the forms until at least Labor Day in September, since we haven't got any safety breaks until then, and only if we are lucky enough to get them.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked what Amateur Radio magazines are still being printed. He said he will put together a lists of dates, times and frequencies that will be used for the Volcano Days Special Event Station at Mountwood Park. Kevin, KC8OXY, will be chairing the SES.

Reports were given on the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run and the Washington County Disaster Drills. Both activities were held on the same day and the same time. Those who were going to participate in the drill were assigned to the first Mile Markers and Water Stops.

It was discussed about the radios, that will be loaned to Don, N8NUS, which he will be taking to the Diabetic Camp in Wheeling.

There was a report on the River Sweep activity.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Triatholon which will be held this coming Saturday, July 7, 2001. Five members, Lisa, KB8UER, Cathy, KC8DJJ, Dot, KC8HAI, Mike, KC8JWR, and Anna, KC8JWW went to the Blennerhassett Island to see how and where the radio operators need to be. A short discussion followed. Ken will be making contact with the fire departments about getting their boats.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition BINGO that will be held from July 16th through the 21st. We need all the help we can get.

Don, N8NUS, said the Bike Rodeo is going to be held the first Saturday in May next year. They would like to have the canopy, tables, and chairs. He asked if we had ever received a donation for this year, and was informed we hadn't.

Sam, N8SVX, said that since we have a GMRS Radio License, that we should hold off trying to get a UHF Business Radio License. There's no use paying out money for something that we won't have in operation for awhile. We still need to get the new GMRS repeater put in operation, now that we have a portable one that can be used.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported about 24 computers that were purchased for 150 dollars. The computers can be used for logging at Field Day, and for Packet stations. Ken asked Al, N8UBG, if there was anyway to network the computers together for logging into one computer during Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to have a BINGO banner make up that can be used at all of our BINGO games. Even though some people know who is operating the games, most people don't. This will allow people to know who we are.

Kevin, KC8OXY wanted to know what size canopy would be used at the Special Event Station. It was decided to use a 10 by 20 canopy.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he forgot to reserve Shelter #9 for the group picnic on August 7th. He will contact the City Park on Thursday July 5th, and see if we can still get it reserved.

Harold, KC8JHG, talked about getting a grant through the state. The Ritchie County Amateur Radio Club received 5000 dollars. A short discussion followed about looking into getting grant money. He also talked about being able to buy equipment through government surplus at Dunbar. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we need to make a trip to Dunbar to sign up. It was also mentioned about operating a raffle during Volcano Days. Ken said that he would check with Dick Bailey at Mountwood Park. A short Discussion followed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Lisa

Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Archie Carpenter, W8GWR/Unit 291, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Darren Johnson, KC8NVS/Unit 1222, Jennia Dooley KC8JHF/Unit 269, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256