

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
January 2, 2001

The meeting was called to order at about 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 16 members present.

Minutes from the December 5, 2000 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. The working on the repeater was on hold over the holidays due to working the Safety Breaks. There was a short discussion on the intermod problems and voter problems.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the GMRS and Business Radio Licenses. He's hoping to apply for the licenses as a government agency.

Ken, WA8LLM, says since it's after the first of the new year and the friend of Joe, N8MEV, will be closing his business, and he said we will be using his garage to paint Mobilcom-1.

There was a short discussion about the clocks for the road races. It was decided to go ahead and use the original plans for the clocks, since the person that was going to design a new system hasn't done anything toward the making of clocks.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he is still placing the ad in the Bulletin Board to acquire property to build a base of operations. Mike, KC8JWR said he saw an advertisement for a three acre piece of property for \$10,000. Mike said he would call to find out more about it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he had the Safety Break banner made, but there still needs to be a couple made for Field Day.

The chairs that were acquired in June, 1999, and need to be painted have been moved to a better location so that they will be ready to paint. Ken, WA8LLM, says he is getting his garage ready to be heated and might be able to start painting the chairs in the near future.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought to the meeting a sample of how the area maps of hams would look like. The maps may be made out of 4 or 6 pieces of 11 by 17 paper and then taped together. A short discussion followed.

John, KB8ZPZ, says he is waiting for a password and domain, before he can get the WCEC Web Site put together.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about trying to put the monthly newsletter on the Web Site when it gets into operation. He says that if anyone wants to put together the newsletter they are welcome to do so. The newsletter is now going to any Amateurs that are involved in Public Safety. There was a discussion about sending the newsletter to Amateurs that are not members of WCEC, but are registered as ARES. It was also discussed about sending the newsletter to those who take their Amateur tests at out W5YI Exams.

Reports were given on the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks. Both Safety Breaks were slow. Anna, KC8JWW, is putting together some records to show the amount of days and how the weather may be affecting the amount of people that stopped by. It was discussed about people

who would stop by asking for money because to help out with a disaster that had happened, such as their house had just burnt down. It was suggested that a hardship form be made up asking for all kinds of information, Name, Address, Social Security Number, etc. that could be reported to the IRS "IF" it were necessary. Names and Address placed on the form would be taken off of a valid drivers license. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Letters for the year 2001 Safety Break need to be sent to the Department of Highways. The letters should be sent by the next meeting.

W5YI testing February 10, 2001 at Easy Rider Bus garage, 6:00 pm.

Don, N8NUS, said the new Washington County EMA director that was appointed has already resigned. We were to have a meeting with him at the first part of 2001. After another new director is appointed, Don, and Ken, WA8LLM, will try to meet with them and let them know what our organization can do.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he needed to make sure of the dates of the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days so that he can apply for the BINGO license. He will wait to see if the Interstate Fair gets a hold of us for their BINGO, he is not going to contact them.

Ken, WA8LLM, will have a new activities list started for 2001 at the next meeting. The dates will be added as they become available.

There was a discussion on the Christmas parade line-up, and how we might be able to help do a better job.

Bob, KB8RNE, brought up for discussion about having classes such as First Aid, CPR, and Hazmat training. There were several ideas about getting different people to teach the classes. Ideas are to be brought back to the next meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Jeannia Dooley N8JMD/Unit 269, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, John McKown KB8ZPZ/Unit 287, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276.