

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 1, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 15 members present.

Minutes from the January 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM explained the reason for ordering crystals for the 147.255 repeater. The repeater was transmitting on frequencies two channels either side of itself. More attention has been paid to the old repeater than the new one, although we now have crystals for the transmitter of the new repeater so we can get a transmitter tuned up and start interfacing it with the repeater shelves.

Ken, WA8LLM also explained about the check to Miller Communications for antennas for the Williamstown Remote Receiver site. Since ALLTEL was installing a new tower where our old tower was at, they said we could use their tower, however, we couldn't climb the tower, the antennas needed to be installed by their workers. The antennas needed to be of a commercial grade so they would last longer.

Sam, N8SVX said he now has the FCC License Form in hand to order the GMRS License. Most of the information has been collected, he just needs to find out if we can get a GMRS License since businesses aren't authorized GMRS, but since we are not a business we might be able to get it.

No other land has been looked at for a base of operations building.

Ken, WA8LLM said he has not got a hold of the city about the houses on Quincy Hill. He said he would contact Lydia, AA8UL with the City of Parkersburg to find out who to talk to. He may have to get a hold of City of Parkersburg Code Enforcement.

Until we can get a place to take MOBILCOM-1 to have it painted we will just have to wait for better weather. The guys at the County Maintenance Garage don't have a place big enough to put it in and paint it. Where ever we put it at, needs to be warm. Ray, N8TWV said he may know of a person or place that may be able to help.

The drawings for the printed circuit board for the Race Clocks are done, but now we need to etch and then drill the boards so we can start putting them together. We need to talk to Sam, N8SVX's brother Jimmy to see how he is coming along with the faces for the clocks. Jimmy is one of the timers for the Half Marathon and he works at Badgers and has access to the tools. The clocks can also double over as regular clocks at any activity.

The six meter radio has not been ordered yet. Ryan, KC8IOG is saving up the money for his radio, as soon as he gets all the money he needs, we will order two radios, one for the organization, and one for him.

We still need a copy of a few members Amateur Radio License. We need be sure that we have a copy of everyone's license on file. If we can find a place on the roster to put the license expiration date, it will be put there so the renewal can be easily seen. Ken, said he is trying to contact everyone that is eligible for upgrades under the new license restructuring.

Everyone at the meeting has had their picture taken. Anyone that needs one for their ID Card will just have to get it some other time.

There was a quick look at the committee list, there was no changes.

Sam, N8SVX has looked at the TOPO Map Program, and feels we should go ahead and get it. The program should be ordered and in by the next meeting. A short discussion followed.

There was a short discussion about getting a Credit Card for the organization. Ken, WA8LLM has talked to different card companies, but either they want 45 dollars a year, or they haven't sent the applications that he ask for.

The Amateur Radio class has not been started yet, the month of January just came and went before we could even think about what date we could have it. If we decide to have a class, it will have to be later when the weather is better and before we get too busy with other activities.

Ken, WA8LLM said he hasn't got with his cousin about the T-Shirts yet, but he will do something before the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about becoming a member a SHARES, which is an organization that provides communications during nature and man made disasters using High Frequency commercial radios. SHARES stands for SHARed RESources. Ken said he got a telephone call from the organization who said they would love to have an organization such as ours, however, since SHARES is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, no Public Safety Agency or organization, with a few special exceptions of some industries such as telephone and power companies, below State Level can join SHARES.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that Larry Webb, KC8NNJ who a Paramedic at Camden Clark Hospital and on Beverly Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a UHF repeater to be used by the fire department. In trade for one of our UHF repeaters, we could possibly have access to the Beverly Power station smoke stacks for a remote receiver for the 147.255 repeater and a DAREN Packet station. Only time will tell if the project happens.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about the problem with the repeater transmitting on two channels either side of 147.255. The problem has been repaired and he's watching to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon meeting held on January 13th. The race will be held on August 19th this year and August 18th next year.

Ken, WA8LLM handed out ink pins to all of those at the meeting. The ink pins are promotional pins having the name of the organization, plus the words Back-up and Overload Communications. The pins will be handed out to communications personnel or members of other organizations that we want to know who we are.

Ken, WA8LLM said he is going to apply for a Business Radio License with HF (2 to 7 mHz), Low Band (40 to 50 mHz), High Band (150 to 170 mHz), and UHF (450 mHz) frequencies for the organization.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on MOBILCOM-1 being on standby for the MIE fire in Washington County. A short discussion followed about the painting of MOBILCOM-1.

Harold, KC8JHG talked about the Charleston Hamfest and the Beckely

Hamfest.

Bob, KB8RNE brought up for discussion about the license restructuring and if he would be available for code credit for his old Novice call he had in 1961/62 when it was KN8ZDR. Ken, WA8LLM will check to see if Bob is eligible for the code credit. Ken will also try to find an old call book that has his old call in it.

Ken, KB8QPW brought up an idea of having a 50/50 drawing, with 50 percent going to the winner, and 50 percent going to purchase snacks for the next months meeting. A drawing was held at the end of the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, David Stevens Unit 274, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111