

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 7, 1992

Meeting called to order by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/UNIT 251, and Duane Jones, N8LDM/UNIT 260. There were ?? members present.

Minutes from the June 2nd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

We received permission last month fro the Department of Highways to operate a Safety Break at the South bound Rest Area of the 4th of July weekend. The break ran from noon in Friday July 3rd to 6:00 pm July 5th. Even though it was late getting permission we were able to cover all of the shifts.

Leo wanted to remind everyone of the Parkersburg Half Marathon communications and Homecoming parade line-up.

There was a reminder of the BINGO games at the Homecoming August 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Duane Unit 260 and Ken Unit 251 gave a report on the meeting they attended inn Morgantown. The Emergency Coordinators from zone 3 wanted to know more about DAREN. Some of the regular Packet Radio BBS don't like to idea of having an emergency network like DAREN, and they heard about it.

A letter of authorization was sent to the Red Cross giving them permission to use the Emergency Services Repeaters. They will be using unit numbers 351 to 359.

Bill Unit 254 gave a report on the bed races that was held on June 6th in Parkersburg. Those helping with the races were: Alan Unit 274, Aaron Unit 276, Ken Unit 251, Ivan Unit 263, Leo Unit 259, and Judy Unit 255.

There was a report on a search party June 9th. Three 7 year old boys wandered away from there group at Mountwood Park. Ken Unit 251, Karen Unit 261, and Judy Unit 255 were on standby at the EOC.

Leo Unit 259 gave a report on the Mountain Classic 10K road run held June 15th. Those helping provide the communications were: Judy Unit 255, Ken Unit 251, Leo Unit 259, Aaron Unit 276, and Karen Unit 261.

There was a reminder of the Severe Storms Workshop to be held in Ripley on July 23rd at 7:30 pm.

There was also reminder of the Safety Break over the Labor Day weekend. The shifts should all be filled before the Safety Break starts.

Ken Unit 251 says he will be working on the new canopy frame every Saturday in hopes of getting it ready for the Parkersburg Homecoming. All help would be appreciated.

There was a reminder of the county wide disaster drill which will be held September 15th.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken Unit 251 will be the guest speaker at the next COVIEO dinner to be held at the Parkersburg County Club in Vienna July 28th. He will present the emergency Packet Radio system, DAREN.

Ken said there is so much activity about the DAREN system that the best way to let everyone know what is happening is to write a weekly DAREN newsletter. He will put it in some of the DAREN PBBSS around the state, and put it in the RACES newsletter.

The Wood County Fire Fighters Association meeting will be July 13th at the Eastwood Fire Station.

Vienna Fire Department will be holding a mock disaster drill August 1st. The will be manned the day of the drill.

The Multiple Sclerosis 150 Mile Bike Tour is scheduled for September 12th and 13th. They will need communications from the Wood County Radio operators on the second day when the tour goes into Ritchie County to North Bend State Park.

We have received permission to operate the BINGO games at the Volcano Days festival on September 25th, 26th, and 27th at Mountwood Park.

Ken said he needs to send a letter to the West Virginia State Police to get permission to use their tower site in Weirton, Hancock County, to install a DAREN NODE.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE