

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

August 6, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, RACES Radio Officer. There were 8 members present.

Minutes from the July 2th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that we need to get some commitments for helping with BINGO at the homecoming, it would nice if we could set up a schedule.

Sam, N8SVX gave an update on the grant classes that he Anna, Ruth Anne, and Ann were attending. Sam said that he could possibly order the radio this week. He would try to get the order as close as possible to \$2000.00 dollars without going under.

Ken, KB8QPW got some kind of chemical solution to remove the name from the old ambulance that was donated to the organization. While we were at the EOC during the rain storm, Bill Byrd offered us \$3500 dollars for the ambulance, he wants to take the box off of it and put a wrecker crane on it. We need to wait until we know what is going to happen with the Emergency Services position before we can sale it.

Ken, WA8LLM said that we got the BINGO license about a week before the IRS needed additional information. If we get the 501C3 approved, it will be easier to get the BINGO license next year.

Duane, N8LDM gave a report on the cleaning of the Sand Hill Tower Site. He said he killed several Copperheads while he and Ken, WA8LLM were cleaning the site.

Leo gave an update on the Half-Marathon. He still needs some more radio operators. It was suggested that we could use Non-Amateurs to operate on the Emergency Services frequencies to cover some of the position if need be.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said he may be leaving the communications group if he's not appointed, no one has to follow him if they don't want to.

Since the Emergency Services position is still up in the air and Kenny is not for sure about leaving, there has been nothing done at the Camden Clark Emergency Operations Center. The coax still needs to be strapped down the tower, and the voice and packet radios still need to be installed. Radio mounting brackets still need to be made for mounting the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the IRS 501C3 application. He has to make some amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, and answer some more questions. He has to have the rest of the information back in the hands of the IRS by August 14th, other wise they may close the case.

Ken, WA8LLM said we need to get ready for the Labor Day Safety break. Judy, N8UFQ said she will start bringing the safety break supplies back from her house. There was a discussion about working 8 hour shifts like the 4th of July, instead of 6 hours shifts. The group decided to work 8 hour shifts. The shifts will be 0600 to 1400, 1400 to 2200, and 2200 to 0600. The safety break will run from August 30th through September 2nd.

Ruth Anne, KA3PCS said that she had went to Colorado since the last meeting. While she was there she visited the National Center for weather research. She brought back several brochures and information about the weather and lightning.

Al, N8UBG talked about a Storm Spotters Class that will held in Ripley.

There was a discussion about the storm that hit Parkersburg on July 30th.

Bill, N8KMN said that we could get an account set up at Reeses Country Store, at Deerwalk, so that when we have activities at Mountwood Park we could have somewhere to get supplies.

There should be a list of companies and businesses that help at our safety breaks by donating supplies.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Alan Currence
N8POB/Unit 274, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125,
Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Cathy Harris
KC8DJJ/Unit 552, Bill Hollandsworth N8KMN/Unit 254, Bob Smith
KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ruth Anne Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266, Ann Laign guest,
Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Karen Jones N8KVU/Unit 261, Duane Jones
N8LDM/Unit 260, Bob Patterson WD5EXD