

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 2, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, RACES Radio Officer. There were 7 members present.

Minutes from the December 5th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Duane said the repeater is working better now that the weather has warmed up and the cracking noise is gone.

Al, N8UBG read a weather report he had just received. We should be expecting 2 to 4 inches of snow over night.

There was a discussion about the Safety Breaks over the Christmas and New Years holiday weekends.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken said he just got a telephone call today about the Mountwood Park Mountain Bike race. It will be held May 5th at either 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm. There is a meeting being held at the same time as this meeting.

Bill N8KMN said he has a catalog which we can use to get Hot Chocolate that we can use at the Safety Breaks. Bill says it should only cost about 7 and a half cents a pack. This would be better than having to mix it out of a can.

There is a problem of scheduling of the Christmas 1996, and New Years Safety 1997 since both holidays fall on Wednesday. Ken will talk to the Bob Epler, the engineer at the Department of High Ways, to get his suggestions on what days to run the Safety Break. A draft letter requesting the Safety Breaks was read.

Ken said we need a name that we can use for the Winnebago since it will be the new Mobile Communications Center, something that didn't

have the name "Winne" in it. Bill, N8JXO suggested "Mobile Comm One". Aaron also suggested the name MARV, which stands for "Mobile All purpose Radio Vehicle".

Ken gave a report on the progress of the rebuilding of the new communications vehicle. It needs new paneling on the walls and the top layer of floor needs to be replaced. There will be work details every Saturday till it is ready to install radios in it. Since most of our other activities have slowed down, now would be the time to get it ready. He would like to have the inside ready for radios by Spring, and then start working on the outside of it, getting it ready to be painted in the Fall.

Ken said that it took about 300 dollars to put the antennas on the Communications trailer and will probably cost that much again for antennas for the new vehicle. We need to decide what radios are needed to be installed in it.

Ruth Anne, KA3PCS says it looks like there will be enough people to attend the classes for grant writing. There needs to be 3 people show up for the each of the 4 out of 5 class/meetings. There will be a steering committee meeting held January 27th. We have a chance of getting 2000 dollars grant money which will be used to purchase some of the radios for the new communications vehicle.

Motion made by Bill N8JXO to close the meeting, Seconded by Roger, KB8QPX. Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Pictures were taken and ID cards were assembled and passed out.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251, Al N8UBG/Unit 1125, Brenda Unit 556, Roger KB8QPX/Unit 263, Bill N8KMN/Unit 254, Sam N8SVX/Unit 256, Leo WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ken KB8QPW/Unit 268, Duane N8LDM/Unit 260, Phil, KB8GBE/Unit 275, Aaron N8NVQ/Unit 276, Bill N8JXO/Unit 283, Ruth Anne, KA3PCS/Unit 266, and Bob KB8RNE/Unit 264.