

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 5, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 February 6th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251 has talked to the Department of Highways about the scheduling of the Safety Breaks on the Interstate of the Christmas 1996, and New Years 1997. They suggested the Safety Breaks be held from 12 noon, Monday, December 23rd, 1996 to Wednesday, December 25th at 6:00 pm, and 12 noon, Monday, December 30th to January 1, 1997 at 6:00 pm. Ken said he would finish the letter to them and get it delivered.

There's been no word from Doctor John Lee about purchasing the UHF MASTR EXEC II transceivers for use as remote receivers for the repeater. As long as the weather stays warm the popping noise is not on the repeater, but there is still intermod problems with some of the remote receivers.

An update was given on the new mobile command vehicle. Ken says the insulation has been installed in the ceiling. The back clearance lights have been replaced. Several pieces of lumber have been replaced and some two by fours have been added to the side walls to make them stronger. Some of the paneling has been re-installed on the side walls. This coming weekend the rest of the paneling should be installed in the communications area of the vehicle, and the walls re-attached to the floor. The window holes still have to be cut out. The driving area of the vehicle won't be worked on until almost last.

Ruth Anne, KA3PCS, said there was one date change on the training classes for grant writing. The July 7th meeting will be moved to the 13th. The first class will be this weekend at the student activity room at WVUP at 9:30 am. Ruth Anne would like to get at least one more person to take the classes, just incase something would happen and one

person might just happen to miss a class. Those involved must attend at least four out of the five classes.

A proposal from Miller Communications for the three high band, one UHF, and one Low Band radio for the new communications vehicle was given to Gail Hartshorn the Emergency Services Director. Because the total amount for the radios was over 5000 dollars, the radios would have to be ordered separately. Gail has already ordered two of the three High Band radios. Sam, N8SVX said several radios came in at Miller's and that two of them may belong to Emergency Services.

There was a short discussion about having a Code Class. Ken showed the group an oscillator unit that he had purchased at the Fayetteville Hamfest. The units were only 50 cents, but they would make a good little Code Practice Oscillator.

Ken talked about the possibility of operating the BINGO games at the activity that will be held at the 4-H Camp Grounds. He hasn't got back with Steve Boyles yet to discuss the terms of the BINGO.

Alan, N8POB and Aaron, N8NVQ picked up the Ambulance that Camden Clark was going to give us. It is parked at Alan's house for now. Camden Clark said they would like to have the light bar off of the vehicle. The vehicle is loaded with compartments, and will make a great "First Response" communications vehicle, and great for Field Day.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Wood County Fire Fighters Association Meeting will be held March 11, 1996 at Deerwalk Volunteer fire station.

Ken talked about the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub's 147.39 Mhz repeater being stolen. Everyone should keep their eyes and ears open for it.

Leo, WA8BMA/Unit 259, gave a list of activities coming up in the next few months. School Boy Regatta April, 13, Mountain Bike Race at Mountwood Park May 5th, and Volcano Day planning committee meeting March 7th.

Ken said that Lisa, KB8UER wanted him to ask about Field Day this year. The group agreed they would like to operate Field Day. It will be held

June 28th and 29th. The group said they would like to operate on the hilltop at Mountwood Park. Ken said he would talk to Ed Bowen at Mountwood Park while at the Volcano meeting on the 7th. The new mobile communications vehicle may be far enough along to use it.

Ken showed the organization an old military infra-red telescopic. It was donated to the organization by Tim Smith, KB8???. Phil, KB8GBE ask if it would be possible to get a set of night vision binoculars.

Duane had some hazardous material handouts for anyone that wanted one or more.

Ruth Anne wanted to know if there will be another Red Cross Introduction to Disaster Services Class any time soon. She wanted to know if a friend of her's would be eligible to take the course.

Ken, KB8QPW, said he had talked to Randy Flinn about the group getting CPR training. Randy said he could give a CPR class at the next month's meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short class on the logging procedure when the EOC is in operation. The group was asked to write down a list of abbreviations that could be compiled and placed at each operating position.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken KB8QPW/Unit 268, Duane N8LDM/Unit 260, Bob KB8RNE/Unit 264, Leo WA8BMA/Unit 259, Brenda Unit 556, Bill N8KMN/Unit 254, Phil KB8GBE/Unit 275, Al N8UBG/Unit 1125, Karen N8KVU/Unit 261, Bill N8JXO/Unit 283, and Ruth Anne KA3PCS/Unit 266.