

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 7, 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 7 members present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen, N8KVU gave a report about purchasing coffee from her place of employment, North End Market. She said she is able to get coffee for \$4.40 a can. She needs to know ahead of time how much we need. She said she's unable to get the orange drink concentrate.

Duane and Aaron have both heard back from the Department of Highways about the Safety Break over the 4th of July weekend. Even though they both asked for the Southbound Rest Stop, Wood County ARES has been given permission to use the Southbound Rest Stop, and Wood County RACES has permission to use the Northbound Rest Stop. We need to make sure that we can cover both sides. The Winabaygo should be ready to put on the road and can be used for the Northbound Rest Area. The safety break will run from 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 3rd, to 6:00 pm Sunday July 7th. Since there will be twice as many shifts, covering both sides, the group agreed that for this time only, the shifts be changed to 8 hour shifts.

Steve Boyles of "Thunder in the Hills" was very upset when he was contacted about the organization not going to run the BINGO games. He said if we didn't do it this year, we would never do it in the future.

The "Brundage Schoolboy Regatta" went very well. The weather was great and we had enough help. The officials said they are planning another race in the Fall, but they were told that we might not be able to help if it falls on the day of the County Wide Disaster Drill. Some of the coaches from other teams were impressed with the communications operations.

The mountain bike race had a lot of coordination problems, and the

timing that we were supposed to do was done by another person. They liked the announcements, but it was hard for the spotter to see the numbers of the riders, mostly do to the mud covering the signs.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the new communications vehicle. The holding tank and fresh water tanks have arrived, and the holding tank is in place. The floor covering in the bathroom has been installed and the bathroom walls has been erected. Now that the wall nearest the radio consoles has been installed, the shelves for the radio consoles can be installed. The side mirrors have also been installed, but need to adjusted and tightened. Work that needs to be completed before we can have it inspected are: clearance lights, and running lights need to be installed, which includes new tail lights with license plate holder. The horn needs to be fixed. The windshield wipers need to be installed and the turn signal switch needs fixed. The passenger side wall needs to be re-attached to the floor. The carpet for the rest of the operating area has been purchased and paid for, it just needs is to be picked up, Ken KB8QPW said he would get it picked up.

The tower has been painted and installed at Camden Clark Hospital. Miller Communications was installing the radios today. They need all of the equipment that we are going to have installed down there so they can tell how much room will be needed.

We have the official word that we can operate Field Day at Mountwood Park. We need to start planning on what equipment we need to take. Plans are to use the New Communications Vehicle, if it is ready to go on the road by then.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a short discussion on purchasing postage stamps a year at a time.

Gail Hartshorn, Emergency Services Director, said that he is working on a project of getting mile markers on 16 miles of the Little Kanawha River.

There was a discussion about having a Storm Spotters class. It was decided that we try to schedule a regular Storm Spotters class prior to next Spring. Alan, N8POB said he would work on getting it scheduled for next year, and will put together a refresher class for the next

month's meeting.

The Wood County Fire Fighter's Association meeting will be next Monday May 13th at the Williamstown Fire Department.

Jim Steel, WA8HPD from the State Office of Emergency Services gave a very informative talk on the Voice and Data systems of the IFLOWS system.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bill Hollandsworth N8KMN/Unit 254, Ruth Anne Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266, Ann Laign guest, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Karen Jones N8KVU/Unit 261, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 274, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Gail Hartshorn WCES Unit 1, Jim Steele WA8HPD State Office of Emergency Services.