

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 2, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members present.

Minutes from the March 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

Before the meeting Ken, WA8LLM was going to do a tone test for the Fire Departments, but at the last minute Waverly Volunteer Fire Department got a medical call and the testing had to be done after their call. It was done during the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the new Mobile Communications vehicle. He said the plumbing and antennas are coming along just fine and the vehicle should be ready by the school boy regatta.

Ken also gave a report on the hospital communications disaster drill. He talked about the problems with Packet, but he thought it was a success. The finder class two weeks before the drill helped understand how it worked. He said we should start a Finder Net to keep everyone familiar with it.

Ken, KB8QPW gave a report on the Skywarn Class. He said it was a small turnout, but there may have been a productive meeting after the class. There's a chance we may be putting a weather transmitter in Wood County.

Ken, WA8LLM read the changes that were done to the By-Laws, but there still needs some changes made.

Nothing new to report on the status of the RACES organization.

A letter from Wood County Emergency Services has been received and the blue trailer is now the property of WCEC. There is no title for it, so we will have to get one and then get a license for it.

Sam, N8SVX had nothing to report on the grant. He said it will be

around the middle or last of April before he hears anything.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. He said he was going to order the new crystals as soon as a few other items get caught up. Nothing else has been done to the repeater.

The letters to the people that are using the repeater have not been sent out yet. Those using the repeater must have heard us talking about the repeater not being a rag chew repeater since most of them are not using the repeater as much.

Nothing else has been done on the status boards. Ken, WA8LLM went to a class on EOC/ICS Interface and has some ideas on how to set up the ICS Status board.

The By-Laws were discussed and some of the changes have been made. Ruth Anne, KA3PCS said she could get a copy of By-Laws that describes the election of Officers. Phil, KB8GBE said that he's been in organizations that elect a Director or President who can serve until they are no longer interested. The only problem is how to get them out of office when they are no longer useful to the organization, and don't want to step down.

NEW BUSINESS

We have Volcano Days BINGO just need to hear back from the Parkersburg Homecoming Committee about BINGO.

The next meeting will be held at Camden Clark Hospital May 6th since Ken, WA8LLM may be out of town.

The next Wood County Fire Fighter's Association will be held April 14th at Washington Bottom Volunteer Fire Department.

Leo, WA8BMA gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood Bike Race. The races will be held May 3rd and 4th. He will need 4 or 5 radio operators on Saturday the 3rd and about 15 radio operators on Sunday the 3th.

Ruth Anne, KA3PCS said the Muticulture Festival needs radio operators June 20, 21, 22. The festival will be held at the Parkersburg City Park. On Friday from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, on Saturday from 10:00 am to

11:00 pm, and on Sunday from 12:00 noon to 7:00 or 8:00 pm.

Sam, N8SVX said there may be a chance of getting a third BINGO game for the 4th of July. He will check and get back by the next meeting.

Leo, WA8BMA would like to get some help on the scheduling of activities, since he will be leaving town from time to time and someone needs to take his place.

Ken, WA8LLM is to get back with Ed Jordan with Hope Gas Company, who is the Games Coordinator at the Homecoming about BINGO.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bill Hollandsworth N8KMN/Unit 254, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ruth Anne Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266, Ann Laign Unit 267, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275.