

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 2, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 9 members present.

Minutes from the November 3rd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report on the new 147.255 repeater.

Nothing has been done with the chairs.

John Louden (Chief of Eastwood VFD) said it would be ok to hold an Amateur Radio class at the fire station. Ken WA8LLM said he would like to start the class the first Thursday in January. The class should be 6 to 8 weeks. The time will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Nothing new to report on the Insurance since we are still looking over the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.

The new 120 foot tower will be taking the place of the existing 50 foot tower. In stead of buying a base plate for the 120 FT tower, one section of tower will be taken to Horner Welding to have a metal plate welded to it, and be used as the bottom section.

Nothing new to report on Mobilcom-1. Sammy N8SVX said he will try to get back on the UHF and Low band radios that will installed in Mobilcom-1.

Ken WA8LLM said he went to a disaster drill meeting November 21st. The committee wants to hold two communication drills. One of them will be at 10:00 pm February 12th and the second will be at 6:00 am February 19th. We need at least 4 good packet operators that is very familiar with the finder system since we will be watched by several hospital people.

Nothing new to report on the By-Laws.

The Christmas dinner will be held December 6th, 1997. We need to be at

the Telephone Company a 4:30 pm and begin to eat between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.

Bob KB8RNE wanted to make a comment about the water tank that was used in the trailer over the Thanksgiving Safety Break. He said the tank worked great and wanted to know if we can put it in Mobilcom-1. He was informed that Mobilcom-1 has running water in it and the portable tank wouldn't be needed.

Bill N8JXO got the special membership drive newsletter completed. All we have to do is get it copied and mailed out. Ken WA8LLM said he would like to get at least 4 new members from the newsletters that will be mailed out.

Leo WA8BMA gave a report on the Christmas Parade. He said the parade will start at 2:30 pm. The parade line-up will start at 12:00 noon and we should be at 13th and Market at about 10:00 am. The date of the parade will be this coming Saturday December 6th. A brief description of how to work the parade followed.

Ken WA8LLM said that while he was at the hospital disaster drill committee meeting he was told of a movie about Triage Training. He will be checking with Duane Weekly at St Joe. hospital to see if we can get a copy of it, or get the tape and make a copy of it by next meeting. If we can get the movie we may show it at the next month's meeting. The movie is only about 15 to 20 minutes long.

Ken WA8LLM said that some how it didn't get followed up on the making of maps of each of the hospitals. The maps will show how to get to each of the hospital and where at in each hospital the operating location will be. The same thing needs to be done with each of the Red Cross offices. The information will also be put on a computer and in our information booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Wood County Fire Fighter's Association meeting will be held at Blennerhassett Fire Station at 7:00 pm December 8th.

Nothing to report on the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks. Ken KB8QPW will give the Department of High Ways a telephone call to see if they have assigned it yet.

Ken WA8LLM talked about the batteries that he had just picked up today. He said he has about 30 boxes with two batteries in each one. He's not sure which ones are Gates batteries and which are lead/acid. The ones that are good will be put into service, the ones that are bad will either go to the landfill or be recycled. Ken says he would like to put 20 of the batteries on the 3500 watt UPS that will go into the Data Center when it gets built.

Bob KB8RNE suggested that we do something to help prevent the cookies and donuts covered or bagged to keep the Health Department from getting on to us, followed by a discussion.

Ken WA8LLM said that as soon as he gets the new 120 tower started up he will build a new building that can house the radios and all the computers for the logging program, FINDER, and information. Ken said he is working on the logging set-up that will go in Mobilcom-1. The logging system that will be set-up at the Data Center will allow 26 people to connect to it and do their logging.

Ken talked about the list of activities for next year.

Bill N8KMN ask if we would like to have a CPR class. He says Jim Carr, who is a Bus Driver is also a CPR instructor. If we are interested he will contact Jim. Nothing was finalized but should be followed up.

Ken WA8LLM said that since nothing has been done with the By-Laws he asked about the election of officers. It was suggested to leave the officers and trustees as they are until we can get back on the By-Laws.

It was suggested about adding FEMA to our newsletter mailing list.

Ken WA8LLM talked to Bill N8JXO about updating the DAREN Plan. Bill also suggested getting the Packet list that is on TAPR updated.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bill Hollandsworth N8KMN/Unit 254, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275