

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 4, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 4 members present.

Minutes from the January 7th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that he has separated from Wood County Emergency Services. He read a letter that he had sent to the County Commissioners and the reply letter back. He then read the letter that was sent from the Emergency Services Director to the County Commissioners.

The chair trailer and chairs are stored at the Eastwood Fire Department Sub-station. The 80 foot canopy frame, 110 feet tower and the carpet for the Winnibago are stored at Red Cross storage at the Armory.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Wood County Fire Fighters Association will be held at PMBS Fire station February 11.

New ID cards need to be made for Wood County Emergency Communications.

A letter asking for the Safety Breaks this year has been sent to the Department of High Ways in the name of DAREN. Letters in the name of WCEC and ARES still need to be sent in.

A letter to the Parkersburg Homecoming Committee to operate the BINGO games has been hand delivered.

Membership applications for Wood County Emergency Communications were given to the "Amateur Radio Enthusiasts" wishing to be members of the organization.

Bob, KB8RNE wanted to know if some of the non-amateur and wives would have special unit numbers, or regular unit numbers. Ken, WA8LLM said

he would look in the By-Laws about auxiliary members.

The state of RACES is up to Mr. Don Smith. To be a RACES member you have to be registered with an Emergency Preparedness Agency. At the present time all members of Wood County Emergency Communications are no longer registered with Wood County Emergency Services. Mr Smith needs to make up a RACES registration form for us to fill out. We are an arm's length away from Emergency Services. When we get registered with Emergency Services and Mr. Smith activates the EOC, we will operate the radios and answer the telephones.

Bill, N8JXO is still working on the Newsletter. Starting with the March Newsletter the name of it will change. The new name will be Wood County Emergency Communications.

Duane, N8LDM suggested that we get with the Wood County Fire Fighters Association to join the association to provide back-up communications.

There was a discussion on a meeting place from now on. Ken, WA8LLM suggested to use the telephone company for awhile. The group agreed.

Sammy, N8SVX said that another grant may be possible, he will be checking on it and get back to the group. Any donations need to be done in the name of Wood County Emergency Communications Inc. We can go as much as \$25,000 dollars before we have to start reporting it to the IRS.

Ken, WA8LLM said he and Ken, KB8QPW has been working on new status boards that will be kept in the communications vehicle, if we get it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Patterson WD5EXD/Unit 282, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ruth Anne Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266, Ann Laign guest, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111.