

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 1, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 9 members present.

Minutes from the June 10th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM Unit 251 gave a report on the BINGO Licenses. They have both been approved and should be here by the Parkersburg Homecoming.

No status on the By-Law changes.

No status on Wood County RACES.

Ken gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. The crystals are in and he and Sam, N8SVX Unit 256 hope to start tuning up the GE MASTR II receivers. They are hoping to get to the Rockport tower site and get the remote receiver back on line. They would like to clean up the tower site at the same time. Plans to go to the site are for July 12th after the 4th of July Safety Break.

Ken said he replaced the batteries in an 800 watt UPS and put it in the Mobile Communications Center. Very little work other than that has been done. MOBILCOM-1 is also due for inspection. It will have to be done before the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Leo, WA8BMA Unit 259 gave a report on the Half Marathon, River Sweep, and 10K Mountain State Classic Road Run. Ken gave a report on the Multi-Culture Festival and Kayak Boat races. Ken says we may not do any communications for the Kayak races in the future since they didn't need us and we were not told until we were there.

Ken gave a report on Field Day. He said that we should plan on having it again next year. We should do a little planning for it next time.

Ken said that Mike Washington called him about the Weather Transmitter that we hope to install in Wood County. Mike said we need to send

another letter to Alan Rezek telling him what we plan to do to get it installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Some of the member of Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department would like for us to teach an Amateur Radio Class. If it is done, it will have to be done on Thursday evenings. Nothing has been planned for now.

The next Wood County Fire Fighter's Association meeting will be held at St. Joe Hospital on July 14th.

Ken said we need to get a work party together so that we can sand and paint the chairs before the Parkersburg Homecoming. No date has been set to when we need the work party.

Ken said he was building a new storeage building at his house so that he can get the equiment that belongs to WCEC out of the Telephone Company building.

Bob, KB8RNE asked about having the Red Cross teach the Red Cross/EOC class to those who want it, followed by a discussion.

Ken said that do to safety requirements and laws in Parkersburg the old canopy tops won't pass fire ordinances. The tops have to be replaced with ones the meet National Fire Protection Agency requirements. The cost of the tops will be about \$2000.00 dollars.

Ken, KB8QPW has the Pantry Store at 7th and Park Street set up so we can get free ice.

Bill, N8JXO said we need to put the person that works for DNR and was in charge of the River Sweep on the Newsletter mailing list.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283,