

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 4, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 10 members present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The new ID cards are in and some have already been made up. Some were made up at the meeting. If any one has any of the temporary Emergency Services ID cards, they need to be turned in so they can be returned to Emergency Services.

To answer Bob, KB8RNE's question of whether none Amateurs and other relatives can be members of WCEC. They would be given 200 type unit numbers. From reading the By-Laws any one with an interest of helping the organization is invited to join.

There is no status yet on the what the Emergency Services Director, Mr. Smith is going to do with RACES. He hasn't made any comments or contacts on what he plans to do with the RACES program.

Sammy, N8SVX gave a report on a meeting for the possibilities of getting another grant. The last grant was finalized February 27th. We won't know if there will be another grant until the last of April.

We didn't get the Safety Break over the Easter Holiday.

The paper work has been completed and the Winnebago and the Communications Trailer is now the property of WCEC. At the present time the insurance for the Winnebago will be about \$800.00 dollars a year. The Emergency Services Director, Mr. Smith says he will write a letter turning the blue trailer used to haul the canopy frame over to WCEC.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill, N8JXO has been working on the Newsletter. It has a new look, but

still needs some changes made.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he didn't go to the last Fire Fighters Association Meeting, he has been removed from the position of Communications Officer of the Association. In a recorded speech by Don Williams, he indicated that he was the new Communications Offices.

The next meeting of WCEC will be held at the Camden Clark Hospital Emergency Operations Center.

Since the Hospital Disaster Drill will be held on Wednesday March 26th, at 9:00am will have a "FINDER" class on Tuesday the March 18th and at the March 26th meeting all the Packet equipment that will be needed will be checked out.

There will be a Storm Spotters Class held on March 28th at Camden Clark Hospital at 7:00pm. Mike Washington from the National Weather Service will be the instructor.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 147.255 repeater is about half way done, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

There was a lengthy discussion about the By-Laws and there will be some changes made. Ken, WA8LLM says he will read the changes at the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM said he got a telephone call from Doug Taylor, the assistant Emergency Services Director of Pleasants County. Doug wanted to know if WCEC was still going to do the backup communications for Pleasants County. Doug was advised that WCEC will still provide their back-up communications.

Bob, WD5EXD said the Red Cross in Marietta didn't have any status board that looked any thing like the one's that we have. All they use is paper charts for their status boards. We have a little more work to do on our status boards, especially the ones for the Incident Command System.

We need to check o some kind of insurance that we can use when we are operating the BINGO games.

The school boy regatta will be held Saturday, April 12th.

The bike rodeo at St Joesph's Hospital will be held either Saturday May 31st or Sunday June 1st.

It's unknown at this time where the May 6th meeting will be held. Everyone will be notified by radio or telephone when the meeting place is set.

We now have a Sam's Membership so we can purchase office material and use WCEC checks.

A letter will be sent out to those operators that are not a part of our group, letting them know the repeater is not a "Rag Chew" repeater.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Bob Patterson WD5EXD/Unit 282, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Ruth Anne Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266,