

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 7, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 10 members present.

Minutes from the September 2nd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM said he talked to John McGuffy twice about the cost of the new canopy tops, but he still hasn't given us a price.

Nothing has been done with the By-laws.

Nothing to report on the status of RACES. Ken WA8LLM said we might as well not worry about RACES any more. Maybe some day some one will do something about it.

Ken gave a report on the Volcano Days activities and BINGO.

Ken says that Bill Unit 271 has installed a new carburetor on MOBILCOM-1 and it seems to be running a lot better. We will know how it runs when we take it the river for the Schoolboy Regatta.

Nothing has been done to the chairs to get them repaired and painted.

Ken said he may be holding an Amateur Radio class at Eastwood Fire Station starting some time in November. The exact date hasn't been set yet. A few details need to be worked out.

We received an estimate from Dan Mcferson about insurance for the organization. The cost would be some where around \$2100 dollars a year. Ken asked Leo WA8BMA to look over the plan. It's possible we may not need all of the insurance since the government has passed a law to protect volunteers against law suites. Bill N8JXO will try to get a copy of the law so that we can read it over.

Leo WA8BMA gave a report on the Smoot One Mile Race. He will check to see if the Race will be on the same date or weekend next year.

Bill N8JXO would like to see if we can get triage class that would let us know procedures at a disaster scene.

Bob KB8RNE asked if we are allowed to communicate on any of the Public Safety frequencies since we are no longer registered as RACES. He was advised that being registered with RACES didn't authorize us to talk on the Public Safety frequencies. The only way that we would be allowed to talk in Public Safety frequencies is to have a mutual aid agreement with what ever agency we want to communicate with.

Ken said he has two cordless telephone that will be kept in MOBILCOM-1 that can be connected to nearby telephone line if they are available.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Wood County Fire Fighter's Association meeting will be at the Lubeck Fire Station 7:00 pm October 13th.

Ken WA8LLM read a letter from Mike Barrick from the evaluation team about the disaster drill held September 10.

It was suggested that we contact Jim Beckett, Parkersburg Fire Chief about letting us park MOBILCOMM-1 in an empty bay at Fire Station Number 2. We need to get it painted and lettered first so that it would look presentable.

Ken WA8LLM said he has talked to 360 Communications about getting Cellular Telephone service for MOBILCOM-1. They said when we get it in operation to come talk to them.

There was a discussion about getting a copy machine. It was suggested the Senior Citizen may be getting a new one and we may be able to get their old one.

Ken WA8LLM suggested that we take the cans and batteries that have been collected to Ashley's Recycling on October 25th. Everyone should have their cans to Ken at least a week before the 25th.

Bill N8JXO suggested that since the other activities have slowed down that we put priority on getting the new 147.255 repeater in operation.

Ken WA8LLM said he is still working on the Weather Transmitter, he's hoping to put in operation in the next couple of weeks.

Bill also said we need to get the DAREN Plan, and the NODE List that is on the TAPR Web Site updated.

Ken WA8LLM said he would put together a list of activities and their dates for next year so we can see what we have to do. Nothing has been heard about the Safety Break over the Thanksgiving weekend. Ken KB8QPW will call the Department of High Ways sometime after the first of November if we haven't heard from them by then.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Bill Burd Unit 271, Joe Crag guest