

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 2, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 10 members present.

Minutes from the July 29 (August 5th) meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM reported the new canopy tops were done, but did receive some damage from the storm that hit the Parkersburg area on Sunday of the Homecoming. The tops need to be cleaned up and repaired before they can be used next year at the Parkersburg Homecoming. Next year the canopies will set a different way and not be sitting under the railroad tracks.

Ken said he needs to know who will be able to help work the BINGO games at the Volcano Days festival.

A check needs to be written to the Parkersburg Homecoming in the amount of \$250.35 dollars, 15% of the BINGO games at the homecoming.

There was nothing new to report on the By-Laws.

There is still no status on what is going to happen with Wood County RACES.

Nothing has been done with the new 147.255 Mhz repeater in the last month.

Nothing new to report on MOBILCOMM-1, but it does need a new carburetor. All it wanted to do was stall out when it was used at the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Leo WA8BMA said we were able to pull off the Parkersburg Half Marathon, even though he had a hard time getting people to commit to helping. He is already putting a list of names together for next year's race. Leo said he would like to get a thank you letter sent out to all of those who helped. Ken WA8LLM said he would send a newsletter to all of those who helped, maybe they will want to help next year. It was mentioned

that some of the members of the PARK Club said they need new ARES Cards. Ken WA8LLM said he would talk to Duane N8LDM about getting new cards put together.

Ken WA8LLM said the crystal for the weather transmitter has been received and would be working on it between the other activities. He said he would like to have it on the air by October 1st. The antenna will only be up about 50 feet for the time being, and only running about 50 watts.

The chairs still need to be brushed down to remove any rust and then be painted. Some of the chairs need other repairs done to them.

Ken WA8LLM said we got a quote for insurance that we should have to play the BINGO games and other activities. Sam N8SVX has been working with Dan McPherson about the insurance. We received the quote at about 3:00 pm on Friday of Homecoming. The quote was for about \$2200 dollars. Sam said he was going back to Dan and see if there was any other way we can get a lower rate. Ken said the Government signed a bill into law that would exempt Non-Profit organization from liability as long as they did everything they could to keep anyone from getting hurt. It was suggested the chairs would be inspected before each use to make sure they are in good condition and put an inspection sticker on them. Signs could be put up around the area saying the ground the chairs are sitting on is unstable and to be careful while using them. These are just a couple of ways of doing everything we can to keep anyone from getting hurt.

Ken said he may start a No-Code Novice/Tech class later this year, after all the other activities are over. He would like to hold the classes at the Eastwood Fire station.

Leo WA8BMA said the Smoot One Mile foot race went well, even though it took longer than what it should. There was 18 races and was over by 2:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Wood County Fire Fighter's Association meeting will be at the Belpre Fire station at 7:00 pm September 8th.

Ken WA8LLM said he will start to rebuild the canopy frames that were damaged during the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Sam N8SVX said he would like to see us build a portable bathroom. One that would be built on a trailer and could be pulled to our activities or disaster scenes.

Ken talked about the disaster drill that will be coming up on the 10th of September. There will be a FINDER class held on September 9th to get everyone familiar again with Packet.

It was suggested that a check list of material be put together that could be placed in the FINDER Database in case someone needs something they could look it up in FINDER.

Leo WA8BMA said that we need to get new members in the organization that are willing to work and help provide communications.

Leo also talked about the Lubeck Fun Run that will be held October 11.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Bill Burd Unit 271