

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 7, 1998

Before the meeting got started Ken WA8LLM discussed and showed the group the work that has been done to MOBILCOM-1. MOBILCOM-1 is to be used at the Brundage Schoolboy Regatta March 11th, and the Challenge at Mountwood Bike Races April 2nd and 3rd.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 8 members and two guests present.

Minutes from the March 3rd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

It was decided to drop the Sam's Club membership next year since we don't save enough money to make it worth while. The only reason we got the membership was to have check writing approval. It was the consensus of the group to just reimburse those making any purchases at Sam's using their own private membership.

The new 147.255 repeater is still under construction. Sam N8SVX now has 8 GE MASTR II transceivers operational on 147.855 Mhz. These will be used as remote receivers for the new repeater. We need to get the remote receiver for Quincy Hill ready to go into operation as soon as the equipment is moved from the old tower to the new one. We are authorized to be on the new tower, but it may cost a little more to get the type of antenna and hardware the company wants us to use.

The painting and repairing the folding chairs are still in the planning.

Bill Unit 271 said he will call Jim Ancell at RESA again tomorrow about the Triage Training tape.

By-Laws are still in effect and no change.

Liability insurance for the organization is still being investigated.

Ken WA8LLM says the new 120 foot tower is completed and the Weather Radio antenna has been installed. He's just waiting for the Weather

Service to get the license before telling them the radio is already back on the air.

Maps for the hospitals and Red Cross are still on the drawing table.

The schedule for the Easter Safety Break was reviewed and all shifts were filled in.

Ken WA8LLM said that since Bill Unit 271 has been out of town for the last three weeks, he worked on the concession trailer and got the aluminium corners installed. Cathy KC8DJJ and Mike Unit 267 has given it a paint job. The trailer is stocked and ready to be used for the Easter Weekend Safety Break.

There was a discussion on how and who was going to be helping at the Schoolboy Regatta. A list of equipment was put together. It was discussed that we should purchase binoculars, camcorder, and tripods for events such as the Regatta. It was not decided when to purchase the items.

Ken WA8LLM talked about the FINDER Net. Very few people are checking into the net. He says it's hard to come up with new questions each week to ask those who check in. Finder is so easy to use and it's on the air 24 hours a day.

Ken is still looking for the type of scanners that he wants to install in MOBILCOM-1. He wants to get ones that are easy to program and they only need to be 16 channels, just like the ones in the concession trailer.

The last two TNCs for MOBILCOM-1 have been purchased and installed. Three of the Packet stations will be used for logging and the fourth one will be used to connect to FINDER.

Bill Unit 271 said the refrigerator that he was looking at for the concession trailer was too tall. He will still keep looking.

Ken WA8LLM said that he will check with Mountwood Park about operating Field Day the same as last year. It was discussed about getting a Club Amateur Radio Call Sign. Ken suggested that we apply for the Call of W C 8 E C.

NEW BUSINESS

Wood County Fire Fighters Association will be held at the Pond Creek Fire station at 7:00 PM, April 13th.

Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social is June 6th and they want the canopies, tables, and chairs.

Ken WA8LLM said that he bought a new MFJ-1270 that he is going to put another FINDER system. The new system will be called FINDER-1. He just needs to find the FINDER Chip that is needed. The new FINDER will only have 8 channels. He said he may have to contact TAPR to get another chip.

The floor was opened for discussion about anything that is needed for MOBILCOM-1. It needs to be painted, Lights for outside lighting, and a Green light to indicate a Command Post.

Harold KC8JHG suggested that we put together a package of what our organization does and a letter asking for donations. Harold said he wouldn't mind delivering the package to different business'.

Meeting adjourned at 2032.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Bill Burd Unit 271, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256. Guests were Chad Lynch KC8JHH and Harold Dooley KC8JHG