

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 3, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members present.

Minutes from the January 6th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam N8SVX says he has five of the eight GE MASTR II radios that will be used for remote receivers tuned up and ready to go. Ken says he hasn't ordered the new crystals yet, he needs to get with Sam on how to figure the frequencies so we don't have to buy additional channel elements.

The chairs are still outstanding and waiting further evaluation.

Ken WA8LLM says the new 120 foot Rohn 45G tower is ready to go up. A plate to match the existing concrete pad has been welded on a bottom section of tower. He says he still has to install six more guy wire anchors before he can go any higher than 60 feet. There was a short discussion on whether to buy sand, gravel, and concrete, or just buy ready mixed concrete in a bag. It was decided to buy ready mixed concrete in a bag to install the six anchors.

Ken WA8LLM talked about a little problem with Mobilcom-1. The battery seems to go dead if it sits very long. He said he has built up a master power disconnect system that will disconnect the batteries from the rest of the vehicle when it's just sitting. The system uses heavy duty relays that can be operated remotely from the dash board. The vehicle only has one battery at the present time, but it is now set up to have two batteries. The batteries will also be on charge whenever it's parked and connected up to commercial power. All of the Plexiglass has been installed and the shelves that supports the radios and TNC have been painted. Leo WA8BMA has built a cabinet that will hold 49 sliding drawers. The cabinet has a front cover with support chains that serves as a shelf when it is opened. The cabinet has also been installed. Ken decided to install three scanners instead of six to serve as monitor radios.

There was a discussion about the up coming Hospital Communications

Drills February 12th and 19th. Sam N8SVX will be at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Anna Unit 262 and Lisa KB8UER will be at Selby General Hospital. Judy N8UFQ, Cathy KC8DJJ, and Dot KC8HAI will go to St Joseph Hospital, Ken WA8LLM and Bill Unit 271 will be at Camden Clark Hospital. Ken KB8QPW will be at the Parkersburg Red Cross. It's possible that we can put together maps of the operating locations at each of the hospital during the drills.

Nothing has been done with the By-Laws .

Ken WA8LLM says he has about 16 students in the Amateur Radio class that is being held at Eastwood VFD.

So far the TV and VCR have been purchased to be used in the Concession Trailer when it is in operation at the Rest Stops or any time we just need them. The refrigerator hasn't been purchased yet.

Ken WA8LLM has purchased one of the three Kantronics KPC-3's that are needed to be installed in Mobilcom-1. It is a used TNC but in very good shape. It saved about 40 dollars.

Since Bill N8KMN has not been to a couple of meetings there's nothing to report on the CPR Class.

Nothing was mentioned at the January Hospital Disaster drill meeting about the Triage Training tape they are trying to get to show how a Triage Center at a disaster scene should be set up.

Ken WA8LLM said the FINDER Net is being held every Tuesday except for the business meeting night. There haven't been that many to check in each week, but it is fun. It's different from most nets. The net time has been changed to start at 7:30 PM and the ALIAS of the Net Control Station has been changed from NET to NCS.

Ken WA8LLM and Ken KB8QPW have sent their letters to the Department of Highways for the 1998 Safety breaks, but unsure if Duane N8LDM has sent his in. Nothing has been heard back from the Department of High Ways yet.

Bill Unit Unit 271 says none of the repair work has been done to the Concession Trailer due to the weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Wood County Fire Fighters Association Meeting February 10th at Vienna Fire Station.

Ken WA8LLM reported the Spring School Boy Regatta will be held April 11th starting 8:00 AM. We need to talk to other Amateurs about helping with the regatta.

Sam N8SVX will continue to work on the remote receivers for the new 147.255 Mhz repeater.

Ken WA8LLM says he hasn't heard from the automobile insurance but it is still good until February 14th. The registration sticker runs out in March.

Lisa KB8UER said she needed the telephone number of the National Weather Service in Charleston. Ken KB8QPW said the number is (800) 401-9535. Ken WA8LLM said he tried to leave a message on the Packet station at the NWS but it was not in operation.

Bill N8JXO says he would like to get some articles about the snow storm in Southern West Virginia to put in the Newsletter. If anyone knows anyone that can get him articles, he will put them in the newsletter. Ken WA8LLM says he would like to get feedback from those who get the newsletter.

Ken WA8LLM wanted to know if there is any other place that we can meet. The telephone company doesn't want the door left open. It was agreed to go ahead and meet at the telephone company. We need to have an H/T so that those coming to the meeting will call on 147.255 Mhz simplex.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bill Burd Unit 271, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283