

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 6, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members and 2 guests present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report on the new 147.255 Mhz repeater.

Nothing has been done to repair and paint the chairs.

Nothing has been done about getting Liability Insurance since we are still discussing the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.

Ken WA8LLM said the 120 foot tower is ready to go up. The 50 foot TV tower has been removed and the bottom section of the new tower has a base plate welded to it.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on Mobilcom-1. Two of the three pieces of Plexiglass has been put on top of the counter tops. Twelve GATES 12 Volt/25 Amp Hour batteries have been installed to power the radios and lights. Six GATES 12 Volt/25 Amp Hour batteries hooked in a 24 Volt configuration to power the 800 Watt UPS which is installed in the utility space at the rear of the vehicle. The shelves over the counter tops have been installed and ready to have radios installed. The UHF and Low Band radios are electrically hooked up and working, but not mounted. The two radios still need some programming. The IBM PS-2E computer has been installed, but needs to be secured in place. As soon as the weather gets better Mobilcom-1 will brought to town so that everyone will be able to start training on the use of it.

We still need to get enough Packet Radio operators lined up to operate the communications drill February 12th, from 10:00 PM to Midnight and the 19th from 06:00 AM to 08:00 AM.

Nothing new to report on the By-Laws.

Nothing has been done with the hospital maps.

Nothing to report on the CPR class that Bill N8KMN mentioned last month.

The Amateur Radio will be started January 8th at Eastwood Fire Station Ken WA8LLM says he has between 10 and 12 people that may be taking the class.

Ken WA8LLM said the Triage Training movie cost about 100 dollars and the hospitals were unwilling to purchase it. They will be trying to contact someone else who might have access to the movie.

The Christmas party was held December 6th.

The Christmas Parade was held December 6th and all went well.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a lengthy discussion on the generator that was purchased to go into Mobilcom-1. It was decided the 3500 Watt Onan generator not be mounted in the vehicle since that will limit the use of the generator to the vehicle only. A smaller generator such as the 1000 Watt Honda be carried with Mobilecom-1. The 3500 Watt Onan generator will be installed on a trailer or dolly so that it can be taken to different locations and be used. Ideas of how it could be done were tossed around.

Leo WA8BMA reminded us about the Finder Packet Net that we talked about starting. It was decided to start the Finder Net January 13th at 8:00 pm and be held every Tuesday except for the business meeting night. Ken WA8LLM was asked to be Net Control until it is operated for awhile then the NCS could be passed around to different operators.

The group agreed to purchase three scanners and three KPC-3 TNCs to be installed in Mobilcom-1. The scanners will be used as monitor radios and the TNCs will be used for logging. Sammy N8SVX will try to see what happened to the old KPC-2s that were removed from the Wood County EOC and taken to Miller Communications. Ken WA8LLM gave a run down on where all of the Alinco radios and TNCs that was at the EOC. Ken also described how the logging of traffic would be done and talked about the clocks for each radio position.

Bill N8JXO said we need to set a goal on getting the new 147.255 Mhz

repeater in operation. He would like to see it in operation before the Half Marathon. Leo WA8BMA said we should order the crystals that are needed for the UHF Link Transmitters and Receivers.

Sammy N8SVX mentioned that a couple of representatives from Wood County Emergency Communications will have to go to a BINGO seminar put on the State Tax department. The meeting may be held in April.

There was a discussion of modifications and repair work to the concession trailer and if there was anything wrong with the way it is set up for the Safety Breaks. There was a discussion on purchasing a TV, VCR, and a refrigerator that can be used while the concession trailer is being used at the Safety Breaks. Leo WA8BMA made a motion and Bill Unit 271 seconded the purchasing of the equipment. Aaron N8NVQ will be the contact person for anyone that finds the equipment at a reasonable cost. We also need to make a new canopy and frame to put on the concession trailer.

Al N8UBG said the Meigs County Amateur repeater has been moved to another location. It is about 65 feet higher and has better coverage in the county.

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, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Larry Couby KC8BXP guest, Matthew Doyle KC8FSI guest.