

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 7, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 8 members and three guests present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws are still in effect with no changes.

A report was given on the new 147.255 Mhz repeater. The CW Identifier has already been re-programed with the new call of WC8EC.

There's no been change in the insurance status for the organization. We should be covered under the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.

Hospital maps are still on the drawing board.

No safety breaks have been confirmed for the rest of the year yet. Ken KB8QPW has heard that a Lady's Auxiliary has the Southbound Rest Area over the Labor Day weekend. We need to go ahead and get a schedule made up just in case we get the safety break at the last minute, it's happened before.

The only update to Mobilecom-1 was the purchasing of the Ten-Tec Scout 555 HF rig. The scanners are not ordered yet, they are going to cost about 80 dollars each for the three of them for a total of about 240 dollars. We need to hold off until after the Parkersburg Homecoming in case something more important needs to be purchased.

Report on Field Day, DISASTER. It started out good but the storms cut it short and was called off after hearing about all of the destruction.

The club vanity call WC8EC is in hand. Some of the stations that we talked to during Field Day were a little unsure of the call.

Judy N8UFQ and Ken WA8LLM saw some refrigerators at Wal-Mart that run off of 12 volts for 89 dollars. Ken gave the Pro and Cons on the two units. The Coleman comes with a power converter 110 volt to 12 volt,

the Igloo doesn't. Both units can be used as a refrigerator or an Ice Chest. The Coleman didn't give a lot of information. The Igloo says the parts are easy to get and change. Ken says he's not too crazy about Coleman because he's never been able to find an address for them. The Igloo gives the address telephone number and the part numbers. Since we won't need it for Labor Day we have plenty of time to decide.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run and the first annual Triathlon. The repeater died and we had to use simplex to provide the communications.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Ohio River Sweep. There was a rover (N8SVX) and two communications people at each site (KB8QPW & KC8HAI) at the Point, (KC8DJJ & KC8JWR) at 19th Street, (KB8UER & KC8JWW) at Williamstown. There were very few clean up people at each of the sites. After the storms that went through the area it didn't look like anything had been done at any of the sites.

The Parkersburg Homecoming was discussed. We need to start getting everyone involved. With the BINGO, Half Marathon, and the Parade we need all the help we can get. We need at least 6 people collecting money at the BINGO games and they need to be relieved from time to time. Ken WA8LLM explained that we have 55 T-Shirts for the Half Marathon. There are only so many of each size and they will be given out on a first come first basis, so if you want to help you need to get your name in early. Homecoming will be held August 21, 22, 23. Ken explained where most of the money from our activities goes.

Ken WA8LLM said we need to start looking forward to Volcano Days that will be held in September. The BINGO is the only thing we have to do at that activity.

The HF radio has been purchased and has been used for Field Day and has been used to check into the West Virginia Phone Net. The only bands that we really need is 75 and 40 Meters. Additional band modules for 10 and 20 Meters were purchased for use in contests.

Sam N8SVX said the batteries for the Summit Site have not been ordered yet and we shouldn't have to pay for them until after homecoming.

Plaque for Leo WA8BMA was discussed. Ron KC8IQS has got the plaque, but he wasn't at the meeting. Ron was going to pay for the plaque and

was going to be reimbursed for it. Ken will try to get the plaque at the next meeting.

It was discussed about repairing the batteries and re-installing them at the Sand Hill tower site. It was also discussed about putting heat tapes on the batteries to keep them from freezing and cracking. The placing of the batteries in a plastic pan might keep acid from running on the floor in case of a crack.

It was discussed about using some of the remote receivers as a back-up repeater in case the repeater was to go off the air. It looks like the new 147.255 Mhz repeater won't be on the air by August 1st. The storms have put us behind.

#### NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE testing will be August 8th at the Eastwood Fire Station 6:00 pm registration, 6:30 pm testing.

Membership applications were handed out to those who were interested in joining the organization. Harold KC8JHG, Jeannia KC8JHF, and Tim KC8JHE filled out membership applications.

The power supply was taken off of the weather transmitter and put on the batteries at Sand Hill. The power supply that was on Mobilcom-1 burnt up and the batteries were going dead. It was discussed about getting a new 30 amp power supply for Mobilcom-1 and a 45 amp power supply for the weather transmitter. All agreed to purchase what ever was needed to get things back in operation.

It was discussed about repairing the valves on the coffee and orange drink urns that are used at the safety breaks. Harold KC8JHG said he would look into trying to find repair parts.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Chad Lynch KC8JHH/Unit 282, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267 guests Harold KC8JHG, Jeannia KC8JHF, Tim KC8JHE.