

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 3, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members and one guest present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws are still in effect and no change.

The new 147.255 repeater is still under construction.

The paint job to the folding chairs are in the planning.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Amateur Radio Class that was held at the Eastwood Fire Station. He said that out of the 16 students 11 have taken their Technician Test and have their license back. Three have taken element 2 and will be taking element 3A at the April 11th test session.

Insurance for Mobilcom-1 has been renewed and license plate sticker has been acquired. Other insurance for the organization and activities are still being investigated.

Ken reported that 60 feet of the new 120 foot tower is in the air and all six guy wire anchors have been installed. If the weather is good on March 8th the rest of the tower will be constructed.

Since there was nothing about the Triage Training at the Hospital Disaster Committee, there's nothing to report at our meeting. It was suggested to check at the Library or RESA #5 training center for information. Bill Unit 271 said he would check with Jim Ancell.

Every one reported that maps for the hospitals have been worked on, but not completed. It was discussed and thought it would be a good idea of having a map for Health South. It was also discussed about calling the main communications center with a telephone number when some or all of the hospitals are activated since the locations may change from time to time at each of the hospitals.

Hospital Communications Disaster Drill was discussed. The February 19th drill was cancelled due to the shift changes and scheduling of the same hospital personal as the February 12th drill. The hospital officials were very pleased with the operations of our group and Packet Radio. Officials at the Hospital Disaster Committee meeting said that Packet Radio will necessary during actual emergencies and drills.

So far we have heard back from the Department of Hiways about having the Easter and Memorial Days Safety breaks. Ken WA8LLM has talked to Duane about his letter to the DOH. Since Duane has been very busy with personal business he hasn't sent he letter in yet.

Bill Unit 271 said as soon as the weather gets better he will be doing the repair work to the concession trailer.

Ken WA8LLM says that he will bring MOBILCOM-1 to the next meeting so everyone can see what has been done and get ideas on what else can be done to it.

Ken also says that only the same four or five people are checking into the FINDER Packet Net. He says that he has sent out three packets about FINDER to those whose ask for them. He thinks there may be some new people checking in.

The scanners haven't been purchased for MOBILCOM-1 yet.

The other two TNCs for MOBILCOM-1 haven't been purchased but he is going to order them in the next few days.

The refrigerator for the Safety Breaks hasn't been purchased yet. Bill Burd says he thought he saw a refrigerator at Sam's for about Ninety dollars. He will check on it tomorrow to see if they still have it and it hasn't been snatched up.

Nothing new to report on the receivers that will be used on the radios that will be used as link receivers for the new repeater. Sam N8SVX does have five of them tuned up and in the hands of Ken WA8LLM.

Bill N8JXO is still looking for articles for the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Wood County Fire Fighters Association will be held at Parkersburg Fire

Station Number 1 at 7:00 PM, March 9th.

Schoolboy Regatta will be held April 11. Everyone needs to be at the river at 7:00 AM.

Bill N8JXO says we may put something in our newsletter and on the Internet about FINDER and how to use it. Ken says that Joe N8UXE is wanting an article about DAREN to put in the Jackson County Amateur Radio newsletter. Ken says that a couple of years ago that he started an article of how DAREN started, he is going to get it back out and try to finish it. Since he found the article, he also got a request for someone who wants to put something about DAREN in the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Club newsletter.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report about Bill N8KMN who is in the Camden Clark Memorial Hospital. He is in Room 518.

Bob KB8RNE passed out papers for Red Cross training.

Canopies are needed for the Bike Rodeo which will be held May 2 and 3.

Since we didn't get to send flowers for Duane N8LDM's mother, Sam N8SVX made a motion, seconded by Bill Unit 271 to send a check in the amount of 25 dollars to the American Cancer Society. Phil KB8GBE said he was going to a meeting on March 4th and he would deliver it in person.

Lisa KB8UER brought up about starting to think about getting ready for Field Day.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Bill Burd Unit 271, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Chad Lynch/Guest