

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 5, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members and 8 guests present.

Minutes from the April 7th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws are still in effect with now changes.

Ken WA8LLM showed and explained the operations of the new 147.255 Mhz repeater. He said he had most of the printed circuit boards etched out and just need to be assembled. He also said the crystals for the Link Radio should be in within a week and then the Link Radios need to be tuned up. Ken said he's hoping to have the new repeater in operation by the first of August.

Nothing to report on the insurance

Bill Burd gave a report on the Triage Training tape. He said that he talked to Jim Ancell and Jim didn't have any idea what kind of training tape he was talking about.

Ken WA8LLM said he hasn't done anything with the Maps, he didn't know if anyone else has worked on them.

Ken said there is still six shifts left on the Memorial Day Safety Break.

Nothing has been heard back from the National Weather Service about the license for the Parkersburg Weather Transmitter. It was supposed to be back in 4 to 6 weeks, maybe they meant 46 weeks.

A report was given on Mobilcom-1. There needs to be partitions installed so the communications people can hear the radios and not have to put up with outside noise. It was discussed about getting Mobilcom-1 painted. A little bit of body work needs to be done before we can get it painted. Labels need to be put on the switches on the dash.

Finder Net has been put on hold until winter or until more operators get involved with Finder or a few weeks before the next disaster drill just so we can be familiar with it.

Scanners have been located at Franklin Fire Company in Marietta. Maybe by the next meeting there will be three new scanners mounted in Mobilcom-1.

Bill Unit 271 said he hasn't found a refrigerator that will fill our needs for the concession trailer. Ken KB8QPW says he knows where three refrigerators are located. He will see if he can get one donated.

They have Microwaves mounted on top of them.

Ken WA8LLM reminded the group the canopies, table, and chairs need to be taken to Eastwood Fire Station for their Ice Cream Social that will be held June 6th.

Ken WA8LLM said that Dick Baily said it we be no problem using Mountwood Park for Field Day. He just needs a letter. He is going to deliver the letter at the next Volcano Days meeting which will be held May 6th.

Ken also gave a report on the Brundage Regatta. If any one has any ideas of how we can improve the operation just bring it up.

A report on Challenge at Mountwood was given. Ken said the officials only wanted four operators, but there was a lot of traffic, and there was eight or nine radio operators.

Application for the club call sign has been sent in. Ken WA8LLM said that he was told that it will take 4 to 6 weeks to get the license. He said it will cost 50 dollars to get the vanity call sign. As soon as we get the regular call we will apply for the vanity call. Bill N8JXO said there is an organization that will renew your Amateur Call when it is needed, at a cost. Bill said that he got a renewal from W5YI and they are wanting six dollars to renew his license. The FCC still does not require a fee for the license. The only cost is that of a stamp, unless you are on the Internet and you can do it for nothing.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM said he got a hold of Ed Jordan with Hope Gas. Ed is over the games at the Parkersburg Homecoming. It has been approved for our organization to operate the BINGO games. He will get the approval

letter faxed to us within the next few days. Dick Bailey on the Volcano Days meeting has given us a letter stating that we are authorized to operate the BINGO games at Volcano Days.

Ken WA8LLM said we were asked to provide communications for a Triathlon which will be held June 13th. The races will start on the Blennerhassett Island with foot races, followed by Kyack racing, and end with bike racing which finish at the Rowing Club's Club House. Mountain State Classic and River sweep may be on the June 20th.

Ken gave a report on Leo WA8BMA. Leo will be leaving the area, at least for awhile. He will be renting his house in Parkersburg and will be helping his son remodel his house. Bill N8JXO proposed that we have some kind of award for Leo for his services through the years. We might consider a going away party if it can be arranged so he can be there. Bill would also like to get an article in the Newspaper.

There were membership applications passed out for those who were interested.

Sam N8SVX wanted to know if anyone needed anything from the Dayton Hamfest. He would put it on a list to try to find it.

Since Leo will be leaving, it was suggested that we get a High Frequency radio for Mobilecom-1. It was suggested that we look at the Ten-Tech Scout. Bill N8JXO said he has a Yaesu radio that we might be interested in. He said it may have one tube in it.

Bob KB8RNE returned the code course that he was trying to learn the code. If any one wanted to use the course they would be welcome to it. Chad KC8JHH took the code course.

Anna KC8JWW handed out Flyers for the Half Marathon, followed by a short discussion as to when the Homecoming will be.

Ken gave a report on an organization called NIP. NIP stands for Neighborhood Investment Program. Any organization that has 501c3 are eligible to receive tax credit slips. The slips can be given to organization that donates at least 500 dollars they can write it off of their taxes. Bill N8JXO said he would look on the internet to see if he can find the form. We may try to apply for the vouchers.

Ken read a letter and passed around a certificate from the Tyler County Emergency Services director. The letter was a thank you letter for the use of the repeater when the 14 year old girl was lost in Ritchie County.

Bob KB8RNE gave a report on the classes that are being given by the Parkersburg area Red Cross. The classes will be held at the Ohio Valley Collage.

Ken WA8LLM read letters from Sunny Murray from the Wood County Council of PTAs Bike Rodeo, telling when the Rodeo would be and a reminder that they still need our canopies, tables, and chairs.

Ken WA8LLM talked about writing "Letters to the Editor" at the Newspaper about activities of our organization.

Charlie Helmick W8JZN presented a very informative program on the Global Positioning System. It was suggested that we write to some of the manufactures of GPS units to try to get a reduced price. Also it suggested to look for a GPS unit at the Dayton Hamfest.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Anna Hendershot, Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Bill Burd Unit 271, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Guests Ron Hinton KC8IQS, Barb Hinton, Chad Lynch KC8JHH, Charles Helmick W8JZN, Diane Helmick, Harold Dooley KC8JHG, Jeanna Dooley KC8JHF, Tim Dooley KC8JHE,