

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 1, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and two guests present.

Minutes from the August 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws have been reviewed with a few changed which need to be made. Also there were a few items that were brought to our attention about ID Cards. Copies of the By-laws will be brought to the next meeting. There will be a few changes talked about at the next meeting.

The chairs which need to be repaired and painted are on the chair trailer and the paint is still in the can.

The Parkersburg area Weather Transmitter is still off the air due to lightning damage. The transmitter should be back on the air in the next week or two.

There was a small discussion about the use of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society repeater controller that may be used for control cards on the new 147.255 Mhz repeater.

There was nothing new to report on insurance.

Maps for the hospitals aren't finished, and some of them may have to be changed due to construction being done at their Emergency Rooms.

Still no Safety Breaks on the schedule for the rest of the year.

There was an update on Mobilcom-1. A new starter was installed. The three scanners that will be installed in Mobilcom-1 and used as auxiliary radios should be purchased within the week.

A report was given on the Parkersburg Half Marathon and BINGO games that were operated at the Parkersburg Homecoming. Ken KB8QPW gave a report on the starting of the Half Marathon and the starting gun, followed by a short discussion. There was also a discussion on our

part of the Homecoming Parade lineup.

The program that AI N8UBG wrote for the Half Marathon runners worked like a charm. What use to take over five or six hours was done in less than fifteen minutes.

Sam N8SVX said that Miller Communications hasn't ordered the batteries for the Summit Tower Site. We will be paying for two of the batteries as rent for the use of the tower sites.

Plaque for Leo WA8BMA was purchased and delivered.

There was a report on the upcoming Hospital Disaster Drill. It will be held September 22nd and will just involve the four hospitals and Red Cross. A list of people that will help and where they will be assigned was put together.

The valve parts for the Coffee Urns were ordered and picked up. The urns are again ready for the next Safety Break.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI testing October 10th at 6:00 pm at Eastwood Fire Station.

There was a discussion about purchasing a second Ten-Tec Scout 555 HF radio. Ken KB8QPW made a motion, seconded by Sam N8SVX to purchase another Scout 555 with 75, 40, and 15 meter band modules and a microphone. Motion carried. The radio would be order in a day or two.

There was a discussion about looking for UHF Walkie/Talkies that can be used for on scene communications and for spotters at the Half Marathon. Sam N8SVX will see what he can come up with. The H/Ts won't be purchased for awhile.

Ken WA8LLM talked about putting together an inventory list of equipment that has been purchased by the organization since it was first started. There is no formal list of equipment, but there is equipment located in the counties of Wetzel, Pleasants, Washington, Ritchie, Jackson, and Kanawha. Getting the serial numbers of some of the equipment in the field will be difficult to get together since they are locations that only get visited maybe once a year. Annie KC8JWW suggested that we at least get on record of where the equipment is at, and then we can get the serial numbers as we make visits to them.

Lubeck Fun Run will be October 3rd. Ken WA8LLM will check with Lubeck Fire Department to make sure they still want us.

Smoot one mile race will be on Labor Day. A list needs to be put together of those who will be able to help.

Cross County foot race will be at Williamstown next to Walker on September 19th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and again on October 31st from about 10:00am to 2:00pm. They need 8 to 10 radio operators. A list needs to be put together of those who can help with it.

Ken KB8QPW will be checking with Jim Rose to see if we can hold a Christmas Party on the December meeting. Ken said he will be in charge of the dinner.

A GPS receiver was purchased at the Jackson's Mill Hamfest. We just need to learn how to use it.

A new computer keyboard fixed the problem with the ARES/Data system "FINDER", so it's back up and running. A short discussion about putting another ARES/Data system "FINDER-1" in service in the next few weeks.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Jennia Dooley KC8JHF/Unit 269, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Jack Hyson guest, and Sham Ferrebee guest.