

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 6, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The 147.255 repeater was discussed. Ken WA8LLM gave a report on what has been done since the last report. Lisa KB8UER suggested that we have a work party on Saturday April 10th to make the printed circuit boards for the remote receivers. The work party will be held at the Parkersburg City Park at about 9:00 am if it's not raining and cold.

Sam N8SVX says we haven't got the UHF Walkie-Talkies yet. The Chemical Plant that is going to donate the UHF Walkie-Talkies is evaluating which radios they are going to get rid of.

Sam N8SVX hasn't been able to finish the work needed on the license form that will apply for the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) license.

Ken WA8LLM says that we have a radio for the new ARES/Data system that will be a back-up for the main one. The radio is the one that was used for the DAREN station "RITCWV" on Sand Hill. The station was replaced by an Alinco DR-1200. The radio is a sister to the one that is in use on the Pleasants County DAREN station "PLEAWV".

Sam N8SVX says that no one is asking about the batteries at the Summit Tower Site. It was decided to drop any further discussion about the batteries. If they send us a bill, we will just pay it.

There was a discussion about a Base of Operation building and/or property. Sam said that he has inquired about a few pieces of property in the Mineral Wells area, but hasn't been unable to find any that could be acquired in small acreage.

Sam gave a report on the antennas on the Quincy Hill Tower Site. He says there is still some discussion about putting the additional

section on tower on before any more antennas are installed.

In lei of holding a Trustees meeting it was decided to bring several books and records of the organization to the business meeting to let those who are interested look at them.

Ken WA8LLM says we are still going to work the Half Marathon. The race will be held on August 21st.

Easter Safety Break was discussed. Different stories were told about what happened on some of the shifts and how busy we were. AI N8UBG updated the weather forecast about 10 times. There was a discussion on the problem with the Packet station not working properly. Ken WA8LLM said that on the way home and up the driveway the tongue of the trailer broke and needs to be repaired before the next safety break, followed by a short discussion. Harold KC8JHG gave a report about a friend of his who may be able to get us another trailer if we need it. There was a discussion about where the trailers could be parked and be safe.

Nothing has been heard about Memorial Day or July 4th holiday Safety Breaks yet.

W5YI testing will be held at Eastwood Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Saturday April 10th.

The check hasn't been written for the reimbursement of the copy machine yet. The Ken WA8LLM wants to make sure that money will still be available to the organization for other projects that may come up. The copy machine subject will stay on the records and reimbursement paid when everything else is pretty stabile.

Ken WA8LLM said the WC8EC license is on Mobilcom-1, and another set of license plates was purchased at the Charleston Hamfest to put on the front of the vehicle.

A report was given about the open house at the National Weather Service in Charleston.

Jackson County Hamfest is going to be May 2nd at the Ripley Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on a Art Festival that will be held May 27 from 9:30 am till 2:00 pm. They are wanting communications at the activity which will be held at WVU Parkersburg Campus. Ken will get back with Ruby Ruble to make sure that it is only communications that they want.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on Mobilcom-1 insurance. The payments dropped on the insurance, but it went from four payments a year to nine payments. The problem is that for each payment there is a five dollar charge. To save the additional cost, the complete payment was made.

BINGO license was confirmed, the license has been ordered and is already in hand.

Ken talked about having non-pictured ID Cards for auxiliary members. There was a short discussion about having them. It was decided that the temporary ID with a number in the place of the picture be used when working an activity. A discussion of GRMS licensing the UHF radios for use by the non-amateur followed.

Challenge at Mountwood will be held June 12 and 13. We haven't been asked to provide communications yet. This is the same date that the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run is held. We haven't been asked to provide communications for that yet either.

A new fuel pump has been installed on Mobilcom-1. It's been having problems with starting and running.

Bob KB8RNE ask if there will be any problems with interference between radio operating systems in Mobilcom-1. Followed by a discussion on how to eliminate the problems.

There was a discussion about what Field Day is any why we operate it.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Jack Hyson Unit 955

