

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

August 3, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 13 members and one guest present.

Minutes from the July 6th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Work on new 147.255 repeater is continuing on at a dedicated pace. Ken WA8LLM gave a report on trying to get the St. Marys link receiver back in operation before going to a Volcano's Day meeting. The link receiver still doesn't work even with the new audio chip. Ken said he would get back into it when some of the other activities slow down.

Sam N8SVX says the UHF Walkie-Talkies from the chemical plant are still on hold, waiting to see if they go to a fire department. Sam said the land that he is looking at costs more than we could afford, but he is still looking. He said the tower on Quincy Hill is still waiting for the permission to put the tower up another section before any of the antennas will be moved from the old tower across the road.

Judy gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. She still has two water stops yet to fill. A short discussion followed.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the Triathlon which went pretty good, although the communications group should have been given more information on what the official wanted. He felt there should have been at least one or two more operators on the island. Judy N8UFQ said that we should have had someone that would stay with the Race Official which was at Point Park, to keep them straight. Even with a few minor problems the Race Officials were satisfied. We did determine that a Marine Radio is needed to be installed in Moblicom-1 since the commercial radios don't have all the Marine frequencies programed in them.

Anna KC8JWW says the Walk For Women Break Cancer is still going to be on the same day even though the GE Walk for Safety is going to be held the same day and the same place. She doesn't know the time yet. She may have the time at the next meeting. A short discussion of how many

radio operators were needed for the walk.

Ken WA8LLM says the papers have been sent into AT&T for the UHF Repeaters they are doing away with. The AT&T contact got the serial numbers from five repeater from Clarksburg, plus the four here in Parkersburg. There should be nine repeaters in, all but one of them needs to go to the AT&T technician, Joe WA8CND, who set us up with the repeaters. We should know in a week or so if we get the repeaters. Ken gave a report on the rest of the equipment that he also picked up from AT&T. We now have ten UHF Walkie-Talkie that coming over on the Mayflower, but they can be crystaled up and used on the repeaters, if, we get them. Ken told about a spool of 7/8 inch transmission line which he estimates to be about 600 and 700 feet. We may be able to get it within a few days to get it off the property before it gets hauled away. There's possibly an antenna in Friendly, WV that we may get, but will have to take it down. A short discussion followed.

Ken WA8LLM said the paper work has been sent Wayne National Forest to have a chance of getting the High Band Walkie-Talkies they will be doing away with when they upgrade their radio system. We may or may not hear anything about the radios.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report of the painting of Mobilcom-1. He was given an estimate of \$700 dollars to paint the vehicle. We need to do the masking of the parts that don't get painted. Joe N8MEV is also looking at a way to paint the vehicle if possible.

Ken WA8LLM talked to Earl, KB8HRG about the tower site on Lee's hill. Earl said they are not going to abandon the site, they are just changing the way the TV signals are being brought into the site and sent to their studio.

Ryan KC8IOG gave a report on the Special Event Station that will be operated at Volcano Days. He has already sent the information to some of the Amateur Radio magazines. He said the station will be operated on 75 & 40 Meters, plus Two Meters on 146.52 MHz Simplex.

Ken WA8LLM said that we may want to get some information from the Red Cross to hand out at the Special Event Station. Bob KB8RNE said he would contact the Red Cross to get the information.

Ken WA8LLM and Sam N8SVX gave reports on the contacts that were made

about making magnetic signs. Signs with 4 inch letters would cost about \$60 dollars a pair. Sam will check with Audio Crafters to see what kind of price they could give us.

W5YI testing at Eastwood Fire Station August 14th at 6:00 pm.

Ken WA8LLM brought one of the Uninterrupted Power Supplies that he purchased at the Dayton Hamfest in for all to see. This is the same kind of UPS that was installed in Mobilcom-1 to power up the computer, monitor, and printer.

Ken WA8LLM read the letter from Mountwood Park about the Challenge at Mountwood cross county bike races.

NEW BUSINESS

Labor Day Safety Break schedule was handed out. We need to get the schedule filled out since this will be the last meeting before the safety break.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the purchasing of tools and toolbox to be left in Mobilcom-1. We still need to get some small hand tools like long nose pliers and wire cutters.

Ken WA8LLM said that four slide-in shelves that will hold computer keyboards and/or Radio Shack Model 100/102 computers were installed in Mobilcom-1.

Six carrying cases were purchased. The cases can be used to store and transport the Family Radios Service radio, and/or other equipment.

Ken WA8LLM said that Don N8NUS would be interested in getting an old ambulance that is setting at DNR. Don said he would like to take the project on as another mobile communications vehicle. Ken will to check with DNR to see if it can be acquired.

It was decided to purchase a Marine Radio to be installed in Mobilcom-1.

Ryan KC8IOG talked about purchasing an MFJ Six Meter SSB transceiver. He said the price is \$260 dollars with the microphone. It was decided to look for a dealer that sells the radio.

The Smoot One Mile road run will be held on Labor Day, September 6th.

Bob KB8RNE brought up about checking the chairs so that they are in good shape for the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Don N8NUS talked about a portable repeater that may become available at a city auction.

Don N8NUS gave a report on the Diabetic Camp where he used the new Family Radio Service radios. He said the FRS radios worked great around the camp but the volume could have been a little higher.

Ken WA8LLM said he would like to start having committee reports. To have committee reports we need to have someone head up the committees. Committees such as Field Day, Special Event Stations, News Letters, Half Marathon, Other Runs/Walks/Regattas, and Safety Breaks.

Al N8UBG says the National Weather Forecast has restructured the areas.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267 Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Jack Hyson Unit 955, Guest Chuck Dotson WB8NSL E/C Ritchie County