

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 2, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and 2 guests were present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

BY-Laws were touched on to see if anyone had anything to say about the changes that have been made, such as the adding of the background investigation release form, and the point system.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater and that he has starting putting together the printed circuit boards for the remote receivers.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the UHF Walkie Talkies from one of the local plants, he's hoping to have another report on them by the next meeting. Nothing has been done with the GMRS License yet. Sam and Don N8NUS have talked about the batteries for the Walkie Talkies which Don has, but they haven't been ordered yet. Communications Inc. will purchase the batteries for use of the radios and repeaters when needed, and available.

Ken WA8LLM says the new ARES/Data system, FINDER-1 still has some work to done to it before it can be put into operation.

Sam N8SVX says that no one is complaining about the batteries at the Summit Tower site, and no bill has been sent to us yet to pay for them.

There was a discussion about property that could be acquired for a base of operations building. Harold KC8JHG knows of a couple possibilities and will be getting with Sam N8SVX with names and telephones numbers. The property could be purchased by an individual and leased to the Wood County Emergency Communications so the organization won't have property which could change the status of the organization.

All regular the members that were at the meeting have already got their ID cards. Other Regular Members will have to get in contact with Ken

WA8LLM to have their picture taken so they can get their ID cards.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the tower project on Quincy Hill. Due to the winter Miller Communications hasn't done much. Randy WB8OHX is still asking questions and putting together the paper work needed to be put our antenna on the tower.

Due to the winter weather the Trustees haven't gotten together to have a meeting, it will be talked about later if they want to hold one since most of the records are available at any time they want to look them over.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the last Half Marathon committee meeting. We need to get a list of those who will be able to help with the race.

Easter Safety was discussed. There were still two shifts that needed to be filled. The two shifts were filled at the meeting.

Al N8UBG reminded the group about the copy machine that was purchased by Ken WA8LLM to be used in Mobilcom-1. Al made a motion to reimburse Ken for the copy machine, seconded by Sam N8SVX. Now we need to find a way to install the machine in Mobilcom-1.

Bob KB8RNE brought up about the painting of Mobilcom-1. Until those who might be able to paint the vehicle sees it, no one will be able to give an estimate. Ken KB8QPW suggested that if we buy the paint that he would paint it. Different locations were suggested as to where to paint it. It was also suggested that we put longer legs on the 24 by 40 canopy and use it as a paint stall.

#### NEW BUSINESS

W5YI testing April 10, 6:00 pm at Eastwood Fire station.

Open House will be held at the National Weather Service on March 27. We need to get together on who is going to go.

Charleston Hamfest is March 21.

Jackson County Hamfest may be held on May 2nd, but it hasn't been confirmed.

License for Mobilcom-1 was due for renewal and a Vanity license has been ordered. The Division of Motor Vehicle had just processed the license and should be mailed shortly. They should be here by the next month's meeting.

Ken WA8LLM said he read in the SERA Repeater Journal that there will be no Hamfest in Wheeling this year.

Don N8NUS wanted to remind Ken WA8LLM about the use of the canopies for the bike rodeo, which will be held May 1st, with a rain date of May 2nd.

Bob KB8RNE wanted to know if we could make a portable repeater with some of the equipment that would be taken out of service when the new 147.255 repeater is put on the air. He was advised there will be three dual band radios that can be used for that purpose.

There was a short discussion about using "In and Out" when checking into the Wood County Amateur Radio Net on Sunday night. Ken WA8LLM said that he would like for everyone to make a comment, but if they have nothing to say, or just want to be in and out, that would be all right.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Guests Ray Bodie N8TWV, Shawn Mercer