

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 4, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 15 members and two guest present.

Minutes from the April 6th 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. There was a work party held April 10 to make printed circuit boards for the remote receivers. Lisa KB8UER, Al N8UBG, and Ken worked about three hours making the printed circuit boards and assembling what they could with the parts they had on hand. One person got lost getting to the work party due to a last minute change of location.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the UHF Walkie-Talkies. It looks like we may be getting six radios, three of one kind and three of another. The Chemical Plant hasn't finished their paper work yet.

Ken WA8LLM said that he has found the radio that will be used on the new ARES/Data system FINDER-1, but now can't find the power cable for it.

San N8SVX gave a report of the different pieces of property that he has been looking at for a Base of Operations. Most of the land needs to be purchased on large acreage. He still has some other leads that he will be exploring.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the new antenna that will be going on the Quincy Hill Tower site. He said the UHF Link antenna may be up over 100 feet on the tower, which will be "overkill", but we are the mercy of the tower owners as to where it can be placed. It may cost more then planned, but it will still let us have the permanent use of the downtown Parkersburg tower site.

There was a short discussion on the loss of the timing sync pulses coming from the GPS satellites that are used to keep telephone services in time with the rest of the world.

Judy N8UFQ has already started a list of the helpers for the Half Marathon. We need to find out who is going to help and get their T-Shirt sizes. The Half Marathon will be held August 21st.

Jackson County Hamfest was small, but was great. The hot dogs were good. At the hamfest Ken WA8LLM got to meet the new Emergency Services Director of Jackson County, Hank Gibson.

A short report was given about the Athens Hamfest.

Ken WA8LLM said the Mountain Classic 10K road run will be at 10:00 am. The race will be held on June 12. We are waiting to hear about the Challenge at Mountwood, which will also be June 12 for the Down Hill and on June 13th for the 8, 16, and 24 mile bike races. The Down Hill may also be held at the same time as the 10K, we don't know for sure yet.

Ken WA8LLM said that the Arts Festival at WVU Parkersburg on May 27th just wants us to provide communications only. Ruby Ruble said that she wants a communications person with each of the officials.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day was discussed. We just need to get a letter to the Director of Mountwood Park telling them what date and how long we will be using that area of the park.

Dayton Hamfest will be held May 14, 15, 16. Anyone needing anything picked up at the hamfest can let either Ken WA8LLM or Sam N8SVX know.

Ken WA8LLM said that we have the Memorial Day Safety Break. Sam N8SVX hasn't seen the letter yet, but Ken KB8QPW called the State Road and found out about it. The schedule was passed out for those present to select a shift.

Ken WA8LLM announced there would be W5YI Amateur Radio testing June 12th at 6:00 pm at the Eastwood fire station.

Ken WA8LLM talked about the fiberglass telescoping pole that he saw at the Jackson County Hamfest. He said that he called the company that manufactures the pole and got a price. The price of the pole is

\$299.55, followed by a discussion.

Bob KB8RNE talked about the upcoming Red Cross classes that will be taught at Ohio Valley Collage. Anyone wanting to attend the classes needs to contact the Parkersburg Red Cross at 485-7311.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, guest were Ray Bodie N8TWV and Shanwa Mercer