

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 7, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 9 members.

Minutes from the August 3rd 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 he's still waiting to hear about the UHF Walkie-Talkies from the chemical plant.

Sam is still looking for a building or property to establish a Base of Operations.

Sam says the tower on Quincy Hill has changed hands, so things are back on hold until they figure out what they are going to do.

Judy N8UFQ gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. She said there were three "no shows" that caused her to have to make some last minute changes in assignments. The officials made last minute changes on how the race would start and caused her to almost not get the word out to the radio operators at the mile markers. But, all in all she said that we pulled it off again for another year. Ken WA8LLM said he may start working on another project of building large clocks that will be placed at each mile marker so the runners can see the elapsed time. It's possible the new clocks will be started remotely by using Touch Tone from the starting line. The communications people will double over as "Timers" for the race. Ken also reported how the printer that Randy WB8OHX, jammed and he had to read the runner's names off the screen. Ken needs to get with Al N8UBG about getting the new program to work so that it will print on a printer and a monitor.

Ken WA8LLM says the papers have come back from AT&T for the UHF

Repeaters. At the present time we have four of the nine repeaters. Two of the repeaters have been loaned to Miller Communications to help get their repeater system back in operation, but so far they haven't been able to figure out how to program them. Ken will be working with AT&T on how to pick up the other repeaters in Clarksburg. He says he also has the spool of about 700 feet of 7/8 inch transmission line at his house that came from AT&T.

Ken WA8LLM says that nothing else has been done with the painting of Mobilcom-1 yet. With the other activities there hasn't been enough time to get it to the painters.

Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 24, 25, 26. Everyone that can help needs to be out there any of those three days.

Ryan KC8IOG gave a report on the Special Event Station and the equipment that will be brought out for "show and tell". He was informed that the hand outs from the ARRL have been ordered and will be here in time for the event.

Sam N8SVX said the "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS" magnetic signs would have to be in two lines since the wording is so long. He said the price that he can get them for will be about \$40 dollars per set. He's going to have a pair of them made up and brought to the next meeting.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Labor Day Safety Break. Followed by other reports. Sam N8SVX asked if the travel map that was purchased at the Dayton Hamfest had been put in the trailer yet. Ken said that he will get it in there before the Thanksgiving Safety Break.

The Marine Radio for Mobilcom-1 hasn't been purchased yet. It was decided to purchase the radio locally instead of ordering it out of a catalog. Ken WA8LLM said he would try to get it before the next meeting.

Anna KC8JWW said the Walk For Women Breast Cancer will start at 9:30am, October 9th, and will still be held in the city park right after the GE Race for Safety which will start at 8:30am at the same location. WA8LLM said the School Boy Regatta will also be held on October 9th, as well as W5YI testing. Ken WA8LLM said he will take Mobilcom-1 to the regatta and needs about three other radio operators.

Ken WA8LLM said that he contacted Ray Boggs at DNR about getting an old ambulance that was setting at DNR. Ken said the ambulance was already gone and that only Fire Departments and Rescue Squads could get that kind of equipment from DNR, and then it has to be used 85 percent of the time on brush fires. Harold KC8JHG asked if there was any way that we could get equipment through the State or Federal Government from the surplus depot in Dunbar. Ken WA8LLM said that we should be able to, since we are a 501c3 organization and that is what is required to get any of that equipment. When Ken has time off where he can take someone else down, they will make a trip the Dunbar.

Ken WA8LLM handed out a list of committees that he would like to have someone head up. Anyone that would like to head up a committee should let Ken know. It will make the organization run a lot smoother having others be responsible for some of the activities.

The MFJ Six Meter SSB transceiver hasn't been ordered yet. We still need to found a business to order it through.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Safety Break schedule was handed out. The safety break will be held from November 24th through November 28th. Ken reminded everyone to be sure and count the bills and wrapped coins at the end of their shift and mark it on the shift operator log. Also if the operator buys any supplies like donuts or ice to get a receipt and take the money out of the donation. Ken WA8LLM also suggested the Orange drink be mixed and shaken well before it is poured into the dispenser. The proper way to mix the drink is to place about a half gallon of water with the mix and shake thoroughly, then put the rest of the water in and shake thoroughly again. Don't fill the jar to the top, leave room for the liquid to be shaken. He also suggested to taste sample the Orange Drink and Coffee from time to time to make sure that it is of our standard quality.

There was a discussion about the rest of the tools for Mobilcom-1. Harold, KC8JHG said that we can get good tools through Universal Supply where his wife Jenna, KC8JHF works and also get a discount.

There will be an Airport Disaster drill held on Thursday September 16th at 7:00pm. Ken WA8LLM isn't for sure whether WCEC will be notified and asked to participate or not.

Ken WA8LLM said the Williamstown Cross County races will be held on September 18th.

The Smoot One Mile road run that was to be held on Labor Day, September 6th has been postponed. The new date will be on Memorial Day, May 29, 2000. It will be held on that holiday from then on.

It's been discussed several times between different members about needing a Cellular Telephone at different activities. Harold KC8JHG made a motion to purchase a Cellular Telephone, seconded by Sam N8SVX. Ken KB8QPW says he has a bag phone that he used to use that he would sell to the organization. Ken WA8LLM said he will check on getting the service.

Ken WA8LLM brought up about the registering of all FCC licenses, and getting a registration number that would be used for future involvement with the FCC. He is going to see how the registration can be done.

Ken WA8LLM says he needs to have three Trustees on record, and in the area that can be easily contacted. There are only two at the present time. Harold KC8JHG suggested that Tim KC8JHE be considered as a Trustee since he does have some college behind him and that he used to be the treasurer of another organization. Ken has put Tim in as the third Trustee.

Ken WA8LLM said the organization has acquired two more trailers. Joe N8MEV has donated a trailer that was built at the same time as the one for the chairs. Connie N8TWS and Aaron N8NVQ have donated an old Pop Up camper that would cost more to repair than it is worth. Joe's trailer will be used as a new table trailer, and the Pop Up trailer may be used to store and transport all of the BINGO equipment.

Ken WA8LLM said there will be a GE Plastics/Camdern Clark Hospital drill on Tuesday September 21st. We may be able to use the Drill as the ARRL ARES SET (Simulated Emergency Test).

The Lubeck Fun Run will be October 2nd at the new Lubeck Fire Station.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit

266, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Anna
Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271