

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 4, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 15 members and 2 guests present. One of the guests, Chuck Buckley, KC8LTG, signed up as a member.

Minutes from the March 7th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. He says the repeater is still in the design stages and is coming closer to being put into operation.

Sam, N8SVX says the only way we are going to be able to get a GMRS License is to put it in an individual's name. We need to come up with a name for some one to put it in.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the old school house that Phil, KB8GBE talked about at the last meeting. He found the building near Lost Pavement Road. The name of the old school is Williams School. We need to find out who owns the building and see what they are going to do with it. The building does sit on a hill top. Ken also gave reports on a couple other pieces of property that he received telephone calls from the ads in the Bulletin Board. The people are asking for more money than we could afford. He will keep putting the ad in the Bulletin Board, but will change the words to read "Wishing to Acquire". Followed by some discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM said that Joe, N8MEV has talked to Joe Lockhart of the Easy Ride Bus garage and that we would be able to paint MOBILCOM-1 in their garage. We need to take it there early on a Saturday morning, paint it, and make sure that it is out of there by Sunday evening.

Sam, N8SVX's brother Jimmy, has misplaced the drawings for the clock faces, so they haven't been cut out yet. Maybe by next meeting we will have the clocks back into production.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the two Six Meter Radios that have been ordered, one of which Ryan, KC8IOG is paying for. He called MFJ and

asked if the radios are on back-order. He said that MFJ is waiting for some parts to finish manufacturing the radios. He also says they do Drop-Ship packages from the plant. I guess we will just have to wait a little longer before getting the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he had a copy of Amateur License for most everyone that was at the meeting. There are still a few that is needed for the records, but they weren't at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM has picked up the WCEC T-Shirts, and some of them have already been handed out. He brought the shirts to the meeting and those who haven't got theirs could pick them up after the meeting.

Sam, N8SVX says that before we can apply for the Business Band Radio license, we need to determine where the transmitters are going to be located.

Sam, N8SVX says that he has talked to Larry, KC8NNJ about the location of the remote receiver site at Beverly smoke stack. We need to give Larry a copy of the equipment that will be installed at the site.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about getting a regular credit card. The paper work went in and a credit card came back. From the reading over the paper work it looks like there is no membership dues on the credit card, but only time will tell.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the 24 hour K-9 Search and Rescue exercise. The drill was a flop when only three teams showed up. They may try it again some time and wanted to know if we would help.

The new batteries that were donated by Professional Radiator/AC Service won't be taken to Sand Hill Tower site. The old batteries from the Red Hill Tower site were taken out and moved to Sand Hill. We'll find a home for the new batteries. One of them may go to a new tower site at Rockport that is the planning stages. Sam, N8SVX gave a report on the new power supply that was ordered to go to Sand Hill. Ken said he would try to get the Red Hill batteries cleaned up and connected to the bus bar system for the 147.255 repeater, packet station, and other radios, before the next meeting. A donation letter in the amount of \$700 dollars was sent to Professional Radiator/AC Service.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded everyone to look over the Easter Safety Break

schedule since it will be slipping up on us very shortly.

Ken, WA8LLM said that we should be able to communicate with those on Blennerhassett Island for the Triathlon a lot easier. The UHF Kenwood radio in MOBILCOM-1 has been programmed with the 14 FRS frequencies. FRS is what will be used to coordinate the activities on the island.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he and Sam, N8SVX may be going to the Dayton Hamfest and that we need to get someone to take MOBILCOM-1 to the Nelsonville disaster drill. Mike, KC8JWR said he could take it if he is off that day. Ken said he will contact Bill, WD8BBW at Athens to see if he does want MOBILCOM-1 at the drill.

Al, N8UBG said he is having a problem getting the new Half Marathon program to work the way he wants it to. He said to be prepared to use the old program, just in case.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that he is in the process of writing a letter of permission to different businesses and public safety agencies to allow us to communicate with their units when MOBILCOM-1 is involved with at a disaster.

Ken, WA8LLM says the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO has been approved. All we need to do now is order the BINGO license. The license needs to be ordered at least 60 days before the games. Ken also said that he went to the first Volcano Days meeting and that we should be having the BINGO games there too.

Ken, WA8LLM reported that we have Shelter Number 4 at Mountwood Park for a Field Day site. The approval was in written form in a letter.

Ken, WA8LLM says the DAREN Packet station "WOODWV" at Red Hill has been moved from the old block building to the new shelter. He will be getting a key for the new building shortly.

Artsbridge will be held on Thursday May 25, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Anyone wanting to help should let Ken, WA8LLM know. There will W5YI testing on Saturday, April 8, 2000. The registration will be at 6:00 pm with testing at 6:30 pm. The location will be at the Easy Rider bus garage.

Ken, KB8QPW gave a report on a Fox Hunt that will be held on April 15th, 2000. The time hasn't been confirmed yet.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about the NIP (Neighborhood Investment Program). The program is operated by the State of West Virginia. There are three workshops to be held in April. Charleston April 24, Beckley April 26, and Fairmont April 27, 2000. The NIP is a program under which qualified 501c3 non-profit organizations may use state tax credit as an incentive for donations to fund new or ongoing projects. Ken may try to go to one of the workshops.

Ken, KB8QPW talked about the old Kirby building that is located on Red Hill. The building is for sale and there is a lot of floor space. The property also has 5 apartments that are being rented. There is a price tag of \$150,000 dollars. There was a short discussion about the property.

Bob, KB8RNE gave a report on some Red Cross classes that are being held June 19th through the 27th. Ken, WA8LLM made 15 copies of the information, but failed to bring them to the meeting. Ken said that if anyone was interested in taking any of the Red Cross classes that he would be sure to get them a copy of the classes that are available. Bob also talked about getting the class, "Introduction to Disaster Services" scheduled for those who have never had it.

Ken, WA8LLM said there needs to be a second green light installed on MOBILCOM-1. The second light needs to be mounted on the back of the vehicle, since the one on the front can't be seen when approaching the vehicle from the rear.

Harold, KC8JHG brought up for discussion about making contact with the City of Parkersburg about putting a building on the South Parkersburg reservoir hill. Harold says there are several acres that could be used as a Base of Operations.

Ken, KB8QPW gave information on a SKYWARN class being held in Meigs County.

Al, N8UBG had the winning ticket for the 50/50 of \$7.50, but donated it back to the organization.

A short discussion was held about the restructuring of the Amateur

Licensing taking place April 15, 2000.

Don, N8NUS wasn't able to stay for the meeting, but he brought map reading and training information he received from the K-9 group at the Mountwood drill. The information was handed out for all to look at and study.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, David Stevens Unit 274, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Bob Smith KB8RNE-/Unit 264, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125,