

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 4, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 16 members and 2 guests present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM and Sam, N8SVX gave an update of the controllers for the new 147.255 MHz repeater. All of the controllers are in hand and just need to be mounted on, and wired into the plug-in cards.

Sam, N8SVX gave a lame excuse of "under the weather" as to why we haven't ordered the GMRS license. He will have a better excuse next month.

Sam, N8SVX says he hasn't had any new prospects for a place to have a Base of Operation, except for the one in Wirt County that he found out about when he talked to the Wirt County Emergency Services Director, Jim Matheny, when he went to Elizabeth to provide communications for the State OES Y2K Communications Drill on December 2, 1999. Ken, WA8LLM said that Greg Smith of CCMH stopped in before the meeting started and said there are houses on Quincy Hill that are going to be condemned and may be available to purchase. Ken will make some telephone calls about the property. The biggest problem about building inside the city limits is the costs for permits etc.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report of painting of MOBILCOM-1. When he went to talk to Shirly Yoho, at the county maintenance garage, he talked to Tom, one of the maintenance people there, who said it might be possible for one of the other people there to paint it. Ken will talk to the other guys there to see what they say.

Ken, WA8LLM says he hasn't talked to his nephew Jim about the cutting out of the race clocks. He will try to contact him before the next meeting. The printed circuit boards have been designed, they just need to be etched out and assembled. Ken would like to get some of the clocks ready for the Mountain Classic 10K run in June.

Lisa, KB8UER has registered all of the Licenses for those who gave her the information. Ken, WA8LLM said he had a list of them, but didn't have them at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM says that Ryan, KC8OIG has already saved over half of the money needed to get his Six Meter Radio. When he has the rest of the money together for his radio, that we will order one for the organization at the same time. We will have a Six Meter radio for this year's Field Day. We may order the radios before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM is trying to get the organizations records caught up, and is needing a copy of everyone's license. He has a few of them already on file. If you have a copy of your license you might bring it to the next month's meeting, or bring the license and a copy will be made.

There still needs to be a few pictures for ID Cards taken. A couple more were taken at the meeting.

There was a list of committees at the meeting. If you would like to be on any of the committees, or taken off of any the committees, let Ken, WA8LLM know so that we can start getting committee reports.

Sam, N8SVX said he has been looking over the TOPO program, and it looks like we will need to purchase a second CD with the Ohio Topo maps. He thinks the West Virginia and Ohio Topo maps may be "seamless". It's possible the West Virginia CD may cover into Ohio as far as we would need to go. Ken, WA8LLM suggested that we go ahead and order just the West Virginia CD for now and see how much of Ohio it covers.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about the installing of a High Frequency Amateur Radio at the Camden Clark Memorial Hospital Emergency Operations Center. When he ordered an Alinco DX-77-T for himself, he also ordered one for CCMH. When the radios arrived he and Ken, KB8QPW felt that the DX-77-T was more radio than was needed at the EOC, so the Tec-Tec Scout 555 with 75 Meter and 40 Meter band slugs from MOBILCOM-1 was sold to CCMH at a cost of \$602.00 and installed at the EOC. The DX-77-T was purchased from Ken, WA8LLM at the cost of \$709.00 and installed in MOBILCOM-1. We still need to get some 40 Meter loads to install on the Inverted V antenna and re-terminate the ends of the wires. The DX-77-T has been opened up to transmit on MARS, CAP, and SHARES frequencies. See New Business about Citizens Band Radio.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about the possibility of the disaster drill in Tyler County. Mike Barrick, Assistant State Fire Marshall stopped at the concession trailer at the Rest Stop January 2nd. Mike said they have been too busy with other activities and Y2K the drill will be held off until sometime in March, 2000.

Ryan, KC8IOG and Sam, N8SVX said they will get together to get the certificates printed up and ready to be sent out to those who have sent in their Self Address Stamped Envelopes.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded the group that since is the first of the year, that we need to starting looking for additional members to the organization that are willing to work and support the organization, not be just another name on a roster.

Reports were given on the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks. Al, N8UBG was having trouble connecting to the Packet Station in the trailer. We need to look at adding another NODE that will have access to that area of the county.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the people that was on stand-by for the New Year. Sam, N8SVX and Kevin, Unit 253 were at CCMH EOC with HF, Two Meter Voice, Packet, CB. Judy, N8UFQ stayed at the Red Cross Chapter until relieved by Ken, KB8QPW and she got a couple hours sleep before taking here shift at the Safety Break. They had Two Meter Voice and Packet. Lisa, KB8UER; Mike, KC8JWR; and Cathy KC8DJJ were at WA8LLM's house with HF, two Packet station, and four Two Meter Voice stations. Ken, WA8LLM and Dot, KC8HAI at the Safety Break with MOBILCOM-1. Harold, KC8JHG, Ryan, KC8IOG, and Bob, KB8RNE were at their homes monitoring and on stand-by. Chad KC8JHH at Eastwood Fire Station.

Ken, WA8LLM said he hasn't had time to get with his cousin about the "T" shirts for the organization, but he will try to do something before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM reported that before the installation of the HF station was complete at the CCMH EOC Steve Radibaugh and Jim Rose wanted a CB Radio installed at the EOC. A CB and antenna were purchased from Radio Shack at the cost of \$116.57. The CB and Antenna were installed before the New Year activity. The cost of the CB and Antenna were added to the bill for the HF Radio. It was discussed about putting a CB Radio in MOBILCOM-1, since it is a form of communications that could be used to communicate with the general public. Further discussion may be held on putting a CB in MOBILCOM-1.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about joining the SHARES organization. SHARES is an organization that operates Commercial, Public Safety, and Businesses EOCs on High Frequencies. More information will be looked into before joining the organization.

Ken, WA8LLM discussed how the antenna for the Safety Break was installed using one of the lamp posts. There was a discussion on getting better HF antennas to go on MOBILCOM-1. Different brand name antennas were discussed and everyone should look at what kind of antennas would be the best for the amount of mounting room. Ken suggested that we look at the antennas this Summer when the weather is better.

Safety Break letters for year 2000 need to be turned in so that we can get our organization on the list of the Rest Area. Sam, N8SVX's letter will be mailed on January 5th, Ken, WA8LLM's letter will be hand delivered to the State Road on January 10th or 11th. Ken, KB8QPW still needs a list of the dates so that he can get his letter sent in.

Ken, WA8LLM says he has the Homecoming BINGO letter ready to be mailed to the Ed Jordan, the Game's Coordinator. The letter should be mailed by the end of the week. As soon as we get the okay to run the BINGO games at the homecoming, we will apply for the BINGO license.

Ken, WA8LLM says the organizers of the Beckley Hamfest are wanting us to bring MOBILCOM-1 to the hamfest on March 25, 2000. If the charging problem is fixed there's a good chance it will be taken to the Hamfest. Bill Arnott, WD8BBW the Athens County EMA would also like for us to bring the vehicle to Athens County for him to look at.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267 Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, David Stevens Unit 274, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Larry Webb KC8NNJ, Jim Matheny, Wirt County Emergency Services Director