

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 6, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Since Sam, N8SVX was not at the meeting due to attending a class at collage there was no report on the GMRS and Business Radio licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the old Rice Auto building which is for sale. The building is for sale at a price of \$195,000. He said that Mel would sale the building for a lot less once it comes off the market. Once the building is sold it will be re-assisted at a higher tax than what it is now.

Due to so many activities the painting of MOBILCOM-1 will be delayed a little longer.

Ken, WA8LLM said that Jimmy lost the template for the mile marker clocks, so he was given another one. Jimmy said to check with him in a week to see how they are coming along, but after two weeks the clock faces still weren't ready. Al, N8UBG said that he would like to help work on the clocks once we get face plates done and the printed circuit boards etched.

The Six Meter Radios have been ordered and still waiting for them to come in. Ken, WA8LLM said that MFJ was at fault that the radios are not out yet. He has called Eastcoast Radio about the radios and just keeps getting a recording. If the radios are not here by Field Day the order may be cancelled and put the money back in the checking account.

There are still a few members that need to get a copy of their Amateur Radio license for the record. Ken, WA8LLM will check to see who still needs a copy of the license.

The Smoot One Mile Run has been changed back to Labor Day, due to the construction work that is still going on at St. Josephs Hospital.

Sam, N8SVX has been working with Larry Web, KC8NNJ about the remote receiver at Beverly, but since Sam is at class there was no report.

There was a report on the Memorial Day Safety Break. Dot, KC8HAI wanted to know if the advertisement from Snider's was put in the WCEC Newsletter. Ken, WA8LLM said it would be in the July Newsletter. The advertisement is due to the donation of snacks for the Safety Breaks. Al, N8UBG said the 145.09 to 145.69 MHz crossover worked good except for a long message timing problems.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded everyone about the Triathlon to be held on July 8th. Those wanting to help needs to let him know in plenty of time to get the T-Shirts ordered. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Disaster Drill at Nelsonsville. Bill, WD8BBW Athens County Emergency Management Agency sent a letter thanking the organization for the use of MOBILCOM-1 at the drill. The letter was read at the meeting. It was suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Newspaper. Ken said he would make a copy of it and send it to the paper. A copy would also be sent to Sheriff Merritt and the County Commission.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he has gotten approval from the Homecoming Committee to operate BINGO games at the Parkersburg Homecoming and the BINGO license would be ordered.

Lisa, KB8UER said the letter to the Newspaper about Field Day will be sent shortly.

Since no one was in charge of communications at the Arts Bridge activity at WVUP, everyone gave reports on what happened. Harold, KC8JHG said that the activity went very well, a lot better than last year.

W5YI testing will be held June 10th at 6:00 pm at the Easy Rider Bus Garage. There was at least three people at the meeting that will be taking tests.

The Neighborhood Investment Program is a no go for this year. We have to attend the seminar meeting to fill out the applications.

The Kirby Building project on Red Hill has been dropped due to it looking like a business venture. It was mentioned about getting a floor in one of the buildings in downtown Parkersburg that is owned by the city or county. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM said the second green light has been installed on MOBILCOM-1 and it does work. It attracted attention at the Challenge at Mountwood bike races.

Ken, WA8LLM said he wasn't for sure what was happening with the new tower site at Rockport. He hasn't heard from Charlie, KC8LTG for some time. It doesn't sound like the Rockport Tower site project is going to be as good as it first sounded. Ken said he was going to hold off on the project until he hears from Charlie. Harold, KC8JHG said he is looking at a piece of property in the same area which may be available for a tower, if he gets the property.

Harold, KC8JHG brought up for discussion again about the property on reservoir hill in Parkersburg. A discussion followed.

A short report on the Dayton Hamfest was given by those who attended.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Challenge at Mountwood.

Ken, WA8LLM passed around a map of the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run and the assignments of each mile marker and water stop for all to look at. The race will be held June 10, 2000 at the Parkersburg City Park. If anyone wants to change their location let Ken know as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

River Sweep will be held June 17, 2000 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. There needs to be radio operators at three locations. At Point Park, at the foot of 19th Street, and at Williamstown. Those wanting to help should show up at one of the locations. A Picnic for the workers would follow the clean up.

Ken, WA8LLM passed out schedules for the 4th of July Safety Break.

This is a five day break and we need to get the shifts filled out as soon as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he got a telephone call from someone who wanted to know if we want to hold a hamfest at the County Fair to help pay for the rent on the building. There was no interest in the group to hold the hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the computer and printers that were donated by Melvin Rice of Rice's Auto.

Judy, N8UFQ is still needing help on the Half Marathon. She needs to get the names together so she can order the T-Shirts.

There was a change of the business meeting for July. Since the next meeting would fall on July 4th, the meeting will be held on July 11th. Ken, WA8LLM said that he will check with Jim Rose of Camden Clark Memorial Hospital to see if we can get the hospital meeting room for the next meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Kevin Harris Unit 253, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, David Stevens Unit 274, and Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, the one visitor was John McKown, KB8ZPZ.