

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 2, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from the April 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the a problem on the old 147.255 mHz repeater. He thinks the antenna preamp died and had to use another antenna system to put the UHF Link Receivers back in operation. By using the high gain antenna on a temporary basis proves that we won't have to have a preamp on the new repeater. This will reduce the amount of circuitry needed. Al N8UBG reminded us of the changes that were made at the Williamstown Tower site which should be classified as part of the new 147.255 repeater. Ken then reported on the changes made at the Williamstown Tower site.

Sam, N8SVX gave a report on the applying for the GMRS License. It was questioned whether there could be more than one frequency on a GMRS License. Sam was unsure of all the questions on the form.

Ken, WA8LLM says he's still putting advertisement in the Bulletin Board looking for a piece of property. There has been no other telephone calls. Sam, N8SVX says he has a couple names to contact about the old Williams Schoolhouse on Lost Pavement Road. A short discussion followed.

Joe, N8MEV says that Joe Lockhart is wondering when we will be having MOBILCOM-1 at the Easy Rider so we can get it painted. We just need to find out when we are not busy and MOBILCOM-1 is not going to be used. At the present time the vehicle is scheduled for several activities.

Ken, WA8LLM says that Sam's brother Jimmy will try to find the template for the clocks. Ken said that if he doesn't find it that he will make another one and get it to him.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he has called East Coast Radio about the two Six Meter radios. East Coast says that one of the radios is ready to ship

out. East Coast said they are upset with MFJ and they will try to get us a little extra gift because of the long wait. Ken is supposed to call them back again in a week or two.

Smoot One Mile Run will be May 29th. That will be the last day of the Memorial Day weekend Safety Break. Those working the morning shift of the Safety Break won't be able to work the Road Race.

Sam, N8SVX says we still need a tower location site before applying for the Business Radio band license.

Sam, N8SVX says he hasn't talked to Larry, KC8NNJ about the remote receiver site at Beverly Power Station. He says that Washington County may be providing the UHF Repeater for the fire department, which means we may not be able to work a trade for the use of the smoke stacks. We'll just have to wait and see what will happen.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Brundage Schoolboy Regatta. The officials tried to provide their own communications by using Family Radio Service radios. They had problems with their radios because they were always turning them down or changing channels trying to find each other. More than once WCEC members would have to find the officials and tell them they were being called on their radios. We also provided power for the PA System and their computer since their power wasn't working.

Sam, N8SVX says that Miller's got our new power supply back that was loaned out. There is supposed to be a trade sometime this week to get the power supply back that we will be buying for the Sand Hill tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Easter Safety Break. There was a discussion followed about things that happened at the safety break.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded everyone of the Triathlon that will be coming up on July 8, 2000.

Ken, WA8LLM said that Bill, WD8BBW does want MOBILCOM-1 brought to the Nelsonville Disaster Drill. It was decided that Ken had better take MOBILCOM-1 to Nelsonville in case they want something set up for communications, and not just for Show-N-Tell.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he has received a letter from Mountwood Park and that Shelter Number 4 has been approved for use for Field Day. Now we need to get a letter typed up and sent to the Newspaper, and to the TV Station.

Artsbridge will be at WVUP on May 25, 2000 from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm. Anyone wishing to help can just show up.

Ryan, KC8IOG gave a report on the Fox Hunt. He said there were a few people there, but no had any experience and didn't know how to start hunting for it. There needs to be some education on Fox Hunts before the next one, if there is a next one. Ryan said that he talked to a Boy Scout Leader that is interested in having a Fox Hunt for his troop. Ryan has found an advertisement for a small transmitter kit that works in the FM Broadcast band that could be used for a fox hunt. Ryan said that WTAP TV was going to show up but they didn't. A short discussion followed.

W5YI testing June 10, 2000 at 6:00 pm at Easy Rider bus garage.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the NIP (Neighborhood Investment Program). On the day that he wanted to go to Charleston for the instruction class, he was the only one working and was unable to take off. He's going to check to see if we can still apply, even though we didn't get to the meeting. Maybe next year we can plan a little earlier and make the meeting.

Nothing else has been done about the Kirby building at Red Hill since there was a long discussion about whether we could rent out the building since we are a Non-Profit organization.

Ken, WA8LLM had copies of the paper work for the Red Cross classes for those who would be interested in taking them. The classes will be held June 19, through 27, 2000. Bob, KB8RNE got two tapes from the Red Cross for the "Introduction to Disaster Services" for those who need the Intro class.

The second green light to placed on MOBILCOM-1 hasn't been ordered yet, but it will be ordered by the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM mentioned again that anyone who hasn't got a copy of their Amateur License on file should bring one in.

Ken, WA8LLM said the letter to different businesses, asking for permission to communicate on their radio frequencies, to their units hasn't been finished yet. He makes several changes on a letter of that type until he feels it's ready to go out.

Ken, WA8LLM said that he has received a BINGO application form and will be sending it in shortly. He will send it in for both Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days. The cost of the license is \$100 dollars.

Nothing has been done about contacting the city of Parkersburg about the property on the reservoir hill on Southside. No one knows who we need to talk to about the property.

Ken, WA8LLM said it's hard to believe what large companies just throw away. The tower at Williamstown is a used one with a lot of hardware on it. When the old hardware was taken off it was going to be thrown away. There was a lot of galvanized stand-offs and stainless steel hardware that could be used for other towers.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on being asked to provide the Safety Communications for the Challenge at Mountwood mountain bike races. The races will be on Sunday June 4th. There will be no down hill races on Saturday. This will be a one day event. Kids race start at 10:00 am and the main race will be at 12:00 noon.

Ken, WA8LLM said that John Nichelson has contacted him about the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run. The race will use the same route as last year and will be held June 10, 2000 at 8:00 am.

Ken, WA8LLM gave report about the Athens Hamfest. He met an Amateur that has about 500 GE MASTR IIs. There may be a chance of doing some horse trading for one of our UHF repeaters. Followed by a short discussion.

There was reminders about Field Day and Half Marathon.

The Memorial Day Safety Break will be started at 0600 Friday, May 26, 2000 and run through 1800 Monday May 29, 2000. We need to get the schedule filled out.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about trying to build some coaxial antennas to be placed on the new 110 foot tower located at his house. He's hoping to install at least three antennas to start with. Once he figures out how to build the antennas, he would like to hold a work party/class on how to build the antennas.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about a new tower going up in the lower end of Wood County. Charlie, KC8LTG picked up fifty feet of tower that he is going to install on Bogal Ridge about half a mile from Route 21 in Rockport.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267 David Stevens Unit 274, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, John KB8ZPZ guest.