

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 7, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 14 members present.

Minutes from the October 3, 2000 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater. With the intermod getting worse, he's getting ready to put the auxiliary link receiver on the old repeater to get the new link frequencies in operation.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the radio business licenses. He's getting closer to having the paper work sent to the frequency coordinator. He's still not sure if we will license up one or both of the water tank sites that he and Ken, WA8LLM, has looked at.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he has talked to Joe, N8MEV. Joe says the paint that he is going to paint MOBILCOM-1 with will make the paint job look real good, no matter how you apply the paint. He says the paint is toxic and a Oxygen Breathing Apparatus needs to be worn while painting. Joe has a friend that made a living out of painting, but is going out of business at the end of the year. Joe is to get back with Ken about borrowing the building to paint MOBILCOM-1.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he went through the records of the members. He said there are copies of licenses for most of the members that were at the meeting, and for those who are active with the organization. There are a couple of applications that need to be filled out and put on file.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on a piece of property that is owned by an EX Ham where the tower site of WDMX is located. He's not for sure if the land is owned by him and/or the radio station. Sam hasn't worked out all of the details yet, but there is a chance we could lease some of the property to build a base of operations. Sam will be working out some of the details. Ken says that wherever we build a base of operation, we need to make sure that it is for long term. Any lease agreement needs to be for long term, with no chance of losing it after a few years. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on a piece of property that

connects to his. The man that owned the property died a month or so ago. Harold, KC8JHG, talked about the property on the hill in South Side. The only problem is that it is inside the city limits and would have a lot of city ordinances. Ken said that he talked to John Louden, Chief of Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department. John says the fire department sub-station is built on state property and they have a 99 year lease, this might be something to look into.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard from the Department of Highways about the Thanksgiving Safety Break, so we need to contact them and see who has it. If we have it, we need to get the schedule filled out as soon as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still needs to get the banner made for the Safety Break trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the crystals which were ordered for APRS to be put in the old MARS Packet NODE station are back and have been installed in the radio. It just needs to be tuned up on the new frequency.

Nothing has been done with the painting of the metal folding chairs that were purchased in June 1999. The paint has been purchased, but the weather hasn't been warm or dry enough to take them out in the back yard. The chairs need to be wire brushed down. It's not a pressing issue, but they need to be painted before the Parkersburg Homecoming next year.

There was a discussion on the cost of the building material for the sheds for the table and chair trailers and for MOBILCOM-1, plus the cost of the gravel for the driveway where they are stored. The group decided to have Ken, WA8LLM, pay what he thought was reasonable since the table & chair trailers and MOBILCOMM-1 are being stored there, and needs to be good enough to get to and from our activities. Al, N8UBG figures the paying of the bills will be like the copy machine.

Ryan, KC8IOG, has acquired some maps that would tie Wood and Washington Counties together and gave them to Ken, WA8LLM. Ray, N8TWV also brought some maps to the meeting to give an idea of what we are wanting to put together. A short discussion followed. It was also discussed about getting the Latitude and Longitude of all the Amateurs that are involved with Skywarn. There was a short discussion about Skywarn Weather classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the presentation of WCEC to the Pleasants County Local Emergency Planning Committee in St. Marys.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he talked to Brian Harper of Network Associates about the Web Site for WCEC. He says that Brian is rebuilding his system and it will be a little while before we can start our Web Site.

NEW BUSINESS

It was brought up for discussion about donating to the K-9 Search and Rescue Team in Wood County. It was just an idea and was open for discussion. It was discussed about letting them help us at our Safety Break. It was discussed that if they needed a piece of radio equipment or a special project, that we might help them purchase it, but our organization isn't going to just donate money. A short discussion followed about why the dog team members are getting their Amateur Radio licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained why there was two checks to Positive Promotions for ink pens, one for BLUE Ink and one for BLACK Ink.

Everyone at the meeting has already had their picture taken for their new ID Cards. The ID cards have already been put together and ready to be passed out. Bring your old ID card to the next meeting to trade for the new one.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained about the purchasing of the covers for the ID cards. There is about 1000 covers for ID cards that should last us several years. Ken suggested that if anyone wants to have their Amateur Radio License laminated to let him know.

Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that we purchase the MFJ Tuner that Harold, KC8JHG has for sale, and leave it in MOBILCOM-1. Harold said that he would sell it for what ever price is on the unit.

Letters for the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks are in hand. We need to start filling out the schedule as soon as possible. There will be copies of the schedules at the next month's meeting.

Harold, KC8JHG, told about the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club that is going to have Santa Clause at the newspaper. Anyone having toys they would like to donate can give them to Harold, and he will get them to Santa.

It was brought up for discussion about having a Christmas Dinner. The group felt they would like to have it. It was decided to have the dinner at one of the area restaurants. It was also decided the organization would pay for the meals for the members and their spouses. Ken, KB8QPW will take care of setting up the location and the date of the dinner. A letter will be sent to every member when the details are finalized.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Chuck, KC8LTG, has his repeater in operation. The frequency is 145.43 MHz.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277,