

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 3, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 19 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from the September 5, 2000 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new power supply for the 147.255 repeater. He said that he and Kevin, KC8OXY, went to the repeater site on September 22, 2000 and installed the new power supply and the heavy duty cable which should take care of the flutter on the old repeater and the new one when it goes on line.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Sam, N8SVX, is still working on the licenses for both the GMRS and the Business band. When he gets the paper work ready he will need checks to go to the FCC and the frequency coordinator. Sam is still attending classes at collage on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mobilcom-1 is still waiting to find a place to get painted.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the clocks that will be used for the road races. He said John Galager didn't get the electronics for the clocks done in time for this years Half Marathon, but thinks it will be ready for next year's races.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Sam, N8SVX, took a trip to two different water tank sites that could be used for a remote receiver for the 147.255 repeater. The Beverly Smoke Stacks are not going to be used. The Tri-County Water Department has offered the use of one or both of the water tank sites.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he will go through the records and see who still needs to get a copy of their license for the records.

A report was given on the Volcano Days activities. We didn't make as much money as we did last year, but it was money we didn't have.

In the absents of Sam, N8SVX, Mike, KC8JWR, and Anna, KC8JWW, gave a

report on the Mineral Wells Cross Country foot races. There could have been more radio operators used, but the official said they only needed 5, but 10 to 12 operator should be used. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the GE Race For Safety.

A report was given on the new BINGO tables. There was enough tables done to be used for Volcano Days. The rest of them will be done for Parkersburg Homecoming. There was also a discussion about modifying the canopy to extend the top out to the frame.

W5YI testing October 14, 2000.

Lubeck Fun Run October 7, 2000. Need to be there by 7:00 am. Pancake breakfast will be held after the race.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about some land that might be acquired. From time to time WESTVACO has property they sale off since it isn't any good for what they want. Telephone calls were made, but no luck, they don't have any land in Wood County for sale. The nearest is in Wirt County. Harold, KC8JHG reminded us about the city property in south side up on the hill. We need to look at it and try to find someone to talk to.

Ryan, KC8IOG, gave a report on the Special Event Station that was operated during Volcano Days. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got the Volcano Days Special Event Station banner made up the week before the event. He now has to get banners made up for the safety break and Field Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Safety Break. A copy of the schedule was handed out so that everyone can look at and try to fill in.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has sent the channel elements out of the old MARS radio to Bomar Cystal be re-crystaled. The radio will be put on the APRS system when the elements come back and the radio gets tuned. Al, N8UBG, gave other uses for APRS, followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the painting of the folding chairs that were purchased in June of 1999. Cathy, KC8DJJ, and Mike, KC8JWR, have already purchased the paint. Now we need to find the time to wire

brush them down, paint them, and then put our logo on to get them ready to be used.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked if anyone had a old copy of August and September 1998 agendas, he would like to get a copy of them. He's trying to put together a better history of the organization's records.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Camden Clark has given us six more computer monitors and three boxes of parts. In the boxes are at least 25 computer mother boards, 11 with 486DX-2, 66 Mhz processors, the rest without any processor, plus several video boards and serial/parallel boards. They have a bunch of hard drives they are going to give us as soon as they can be formatted with all the information that's on them removed.

Harold, KC8JHG, said the Jackson County club is starting a code class on October 10, 2000. It will be held at the WVUP at Ripley.

Anna, KC8JWW, brought up for discussion about helping to pay for upkeep of the location of where the organizations equipment such as the chair trailer, canopy trailer, concession trailer, and Mobilcom-1 is kept. Harold, KC8JHG, made a motion to have a copies of the bills for the list of materials that have been used to help protect the equipment, seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried. Ken, WA8LLM said he would bring a list of the bills to the next meeting and the group can decide what they want to do. Followed by a lengthy discussion.

Ryan, KC8IOG, reminded the group about putting together maps to locate where all the Amateurs in our area are located so they can be used during weather watches and warnings, etc. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received a telephone call from Doug Taylor of Pleasant County Emergency Services. Doug read the article in the newsletter about Selby General Hospital, written by Lisa, KB8UER. He has asked if Ken could come to the November LEPC meeting to talk about Wood County Emergency Communications. The meeting will be November 1, 2000. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a budget of the amount of money the organization goes through in a years time. He described how the records are kept. Bulk mailing of the newsletter was discussed and it was decided not to try to get bulk mailing.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Don, N8NUS, had talked about Wood County Emergency Communications having a Web Page on the Internet. John, KB8ZPZ, said that he would head up the Web Page. Ken, KB8QPW, said that Brian Harper of Network Associates internet service told him several months ago that he would let us have a Web site at no cost. Ken R. and John will make contact with Network Associates about the site. A lengthy discussion followed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, John McKown KB8ZPZ/Unit 287, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, David Stevens Unit 274, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Mary Smith Unit 952, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Laura Bradley