

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 5, 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 August 1, 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 MHz repeater. Since there was a strike against the telephone company for about three weeks, the repeater was in the building, while Ken was outside the building. There was nothing done to the repeater.

Since Sam, N8SVX was at a college class, Ken, WA8LLM gave his report. Ken says that Sam has some of the paper work done. As for the business licenses, there will need to be some frequency coordination done. There will need to be some checks written to both the FCC for the GMRS license and to the Frequency Coordinator when all the paper work is completed.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the old service station in the Lubeck area. He called the Realtors and they are wanting \$150,000 dollars, a little out of our range.

Ken, WA8LLM said there was just too many activities and Mobilcom-1 still didn't get painted.

Ken, WA8LLM says that Sam, N8SVX hasn't heard from his friend John about the clocks for the races. We'll just have to work a little harder to get them done for next years races. Ken said that it was brought up at the Half Marathon critique meeting about having trouble getting stopwatch people for the races. They would like to have the clocks, if we get them done.

Anyone who hasn't given a copy of their new license needs to do so. Tim, N8WO now has his new call. His old call was KC8JHE.

Ken, WA8LLM says that Sam, N8SVX has been talking to Larry Webb, KC8NNJ

about the remote receiver site. He says that we may be providing two UHF repeaters. One of the repeaters will be used by the fire department and the other one will be a business repeater licensed to WCEC. The WCEC repeater can be used by the fire department as a back-up repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM says he has the new power supply for the tower site at Sand Hill. He still needs to get it installed and the heavy power cables put into place.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. The 15 percent check has already been written to them and needs to be delivered.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Half Marathon. He described how the printer for the announcer worked. The old program that Al, N8UBG wrote a couple of years ago makes the work of the spotters, and announcer a whole lot better. Followed by a short discussion. He said that three helpers were unable to help with the race.

There was a short discussion about the cross country races that will be held at the Fair Grounds on Saturday September 23, 2000. Sam, N8SVX will be overseeing those activities. The races will be on the same weekend as Volcano Days. Anyone wanting to help with the races should let Sam know as soon as possible. There needs to be about five radio operators at the races. The races should be over by 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm. A short discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the GE Race for Safety which will be held September 30, 2000. The race will start and finish at the Parkersburg city park.

Bob, KB8RNE said the disaster classes at Cedar Lakes, Jackson County, was cancelled due to real disasters in the state.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about the Labor Day Safety Break.

There was a discussion about the disaster drill held on August 30, 2000. Those in charge of the drill had not asked the two Marietta hospitals to participate. Ken, WA8LLM asked the two hospitals if we could set up our communications between all four hospitals. Lisa KB8UER gave the report from Selby Hospital. A lengthy discussion followed. Over all the disaster drill went very well as far as WCEC

communications went. There was a few problems but that is why we have drills.

There were reports on the Labor Day Safety break. Ray, N8TWV gave a printed report on an emergency that happened on his shift. He had a medical emergency with a pregnant woman. Ken, WA8LLM read the report at the meeting. It was discussed about getting some good logos from those who help supply some of the items used on the safety breaks.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Smoot One Mile road races held on Labor Day September 4, 2000. There still needs to be a good Packet path for Al, N8UBG to update the weather. Ray, N8TWV said we need a good Road Atlas at the trailer. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM talked about building new BINGO tables to be set up like the ones at the West Virginia Interstate Fair. Enough of the new tables should be ready for Volcano Days. Ken also told about the new sheds that were built to protect the chair trailer and the table trailer, plus one to put MOBILCOM-1 under.

W5YI testing October 14, 2000 at 6:00 pm at Easy Rider bus garage.

Lubeck Fun Run October 7th, 2000 starting at the new Lubeck Fire station.

Ryan, KC8IOG told about the Special Event Station that will be operated during Volcano Days. It was discussed about making the Special Event Station an annual event. If so we need to get a banner made up to hang in front of the Special Event Station.

It was also discussed about having a banner made up for BINGO and one made up for the Safety Breaks, and one for Field Day.

Kevin, KC8OXY told about the trailer that is going to be used to store the BINGO equipment in. The trailer was given to WCEC by Connie, N8TWS and Aaron, N8NVQ. The trailer will built so that it can store the BINGO equipment and also be used for the BINGO caller to sit in. The trailer should be finished before the first BINGO game next year. A short discussion followed.

Ken, KB8QPW said that he had talked to Don, N8NUS about the Rockport

EMS tower site. He said that Roger is in charge of the site. Ken, WA8LLM will get a hold of Roger and see if we can get back in the tower and maybe put a packet station there to.

Al, N8UBG gave a report on the mobile communications vehicle that is being built for Meigs County. He said it is a medium size school bus. Some of the radios have already been purchased. Meigs County is using a lot of ideas from MOBILCOM-1. Al said that it will be a winter time project. The vehicle is already being painted. Ken, WA8LLM said that he would get the batteries for the vehicle. A short discussion followed.

Ryan, KC8IOG brought up for discussion the making of an area map with the location of the Amateur Radio operators on it. The map should be big enough to cover about a 20 mile area of Parkersburg. A short discussion followed.

Nothing has been heard about the Thanksgiving Safety break yet, but we need to be looking at the days and start putting a schedule together so we can be prepared, just in case.

Bob, KB8RNE mentioned that we still don't have an outside speaker for the Two Meter radio in the concession trailer yet. The speaker will be put on the trailer by the Thanksgiving Safety Break or the next Safety Break that we get. Also there was a discussion as to why the fuse on the scanner keeps blowing. It's possible that the antennas for the packet and voice may be too close to the scanner antenna.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, David Stevens Unit 274, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Mark Heflin KC8PGL/Unit 286. Guests were: John Ash, KC8JWU, Cal, W8WWF