

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
June 5, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 14 members present.

Minutes from the May 1, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. Cooling fans to be mounted on the repeater transmitter were purchased at the Dayton Hamfest.

Before the meeting Sam, N8SVX, told Ken, WA8LLM, he would try to make it to the meeting a little late, since his class should let out at about 7:30. Sam says he is still working on applying for a business radio license between his work at Millers. If there is any other updates, Sam can report on them when he makes it to the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the painting of MOBILCOM-1. He, Cathy, KC8DJJ, Dot, KC8HAI, Mike, KC8JWR, and Judy, N8UFQ, have been cleaning the silicon from around the windows. Dot, KC8HAI said that she has talked to Wendy, KB8LAA, Joe, N8MEV's daughter. She said the guy that is going to paint MOBILCOM-1 is in the hospital.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that he is still getting ideas for the Road Race Clocks. He said that while he was at the Dayton Hamfest he looked for the parts that he needs to make the displays, but didn't find what he wanted. He may just have to order the Jumbo Size LEDs.

Harold, KC8JHG, said that Jennia, N8JMD, made a layout of what the basement of the operations room for the Base of Operations might look like. The pictures were generated on a computer and were three dimensional. There were several different copies. Harold feels the building should be bigger than a 24 foot by 32 foot building, in order to accommodate a radio operating area and meeting room. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Harold had talked about pouring the basement walls as opposed to laying up block. Ken was told about someone who had a basement poured and was told it was about three times as much. Harold says he knows a guy that pours concrete and he will see if he can find out from him how much it might cost. Due to the rainy weather, nothing has been done as far as trying to mark off where the building will be built, or the where towers will go.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the banners for Field Day have been ordered and should be ready in just a few days. The letter to use the shelter at

Mountwood Park has been written and approved. Lisa, KB8UER, says she is working on the letter to the newspaper.

Lisa, KB8UER, says she is still working on the map of area Amateurs.

Lisa, KB8UER, says she has a new program that she is trying to use to put together a Website, followed by a lengthy discussion. Lisa says that we have an eMail address, it is wc8ec@citynet.net.

Al, N8IBG, says he is still waiting for Ken, WA8LLM, to get him all the information that needs to go on the hardship donation form before he can finish the form. The maximum on any donation will be 25 dollars.

Ken, WA8LLM, says there was no training classes last month and we're not sure if we are going to have any this month. There are several other activities that are keeping us busy. If anyone has an idea of what kind of class they would like to have, we will try to get someone to teach it and we'll set up a day that we can get together.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Wirt County tabletop exercise. He's not for sure if there will be an actual drill.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Athens County disaster drill. He said that Ken, KB8QPW, Bob, KB8RNE, Mike, KC8JWR, and himself went to Athens with MOBILCOM-1. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Craft 2000. He said that all 80 feet of the new canopy was set up for the activity. Craft 2000 gave a one hundred dollar donation.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the PTA Bike Rodeo. He said that all 80 feet of the old canopy was set up for their activity. Also they used the tables, chairs, and PA system. He hasn't heard anything back from them yet. Don, N8NUS, says they haven't had any meetings yet about next year. There are a lot of other agencies that like to show off their safety equipment. If they hold it next year, it will be the first weekend in May.

Anna, KC8JWW, and Harold, KC8JHG, gave a report on the Artsbridge activity at WVU at Parkersburg. There were seven radio operators that helped. Harold said that everything is worked out good.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Great Ohio Bike Adventure. The activity will run from June 18 though June 22. He said that if anyone wants to help they should contact Connie, N8IO on either the 146.88 or 146.97 repeater.

There was a discussion on whether we want to have a special event

station at Volcano Days. It was suggested that since we already have the banner and about 1000 blank certificates that we should have the station as long as it doesn't take away from the BINGO games. Times and frequencies need to be sent to the magazines as soon as possible.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the hospital communications exercise on May 24th. We were able to provide the communications drill with only one person at each of the hospitals and the Red Cross. At some of the locations none of the officials even knew or remembered the drill was going on. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Smoot One Mile Road Run.

Sam, N8SVX, talked about a couple of radios that Ryan, KC8IOG, left behind when he went back to North Carolina.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the licenses for County Fair, Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days BINGO games have been sent for and received.

NEW BUSINESS

Mountain Classic 10K Road Run will be coming up June 9, 2001, this Saturday, 8:00 am. We need to be on location at about 7:30. Sam, N8SVX, is going to get some of the new UHF walkie/talkies ready for the race, and Ken, WA8LLM, is going to try to get the portable UHF repeater ready for the race so the unlicensed radio operators will have something to communicate on. A map of the locations was passed around for those who would be helping to look at and make changes on.

The Ohio River Sweep will be June 16, 2001 from 8:00 am to 11:30. A picnic will be held at 11:30. There will be three locations, one at Point Park, one at foot of 19th Street by the Rowing Club's club house, and the boat landing dock in Williamstown. Anyone interested should show up at those locations.

July 7th will be the Triatholon. Contact has been made with Eastwood, Blennerhassett, and Lubeck Fire Departments to get boats to follow the rowing boats up the Little Kanawha River.

Our tables and chairs will be loaned to Vienna Fire Department for their ice cream social which will be June 8th.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the new FRS radios he purchased at the Dayton Hamfest. He described how they were modified to be used with headset, boom microphone and external push-to-talk button.

Don, N8NUS, will be taking the 20 other FRS radios and 16 GMRS walkie/talkies to diabetic camp the same week as the Wood County and Interstate Fair which will be July 16 through the 21st.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Joshua Sowards KC8RLE/Unit 290, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit ????, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256