

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
May 1, 2001

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

Minutes from the April 3, 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. He said that since the canopy is done that he will start back working on the repeater again. He reported that the IFR Service Monitor went on the blink. It is blowing a 5 amp fuse. It may have to be sent back to IFR to get it repaired. The service monitor didn't cost anything, because it was donated to the organization.

Since Sam, N8SVX wasn't at the meeting he was unable to report on getting the business radio license. We have already decided not to get a GMRS license since we already have one that is licensed to Ken, WA8LLM and the organization has approval the license.

Joe, N8MEV, made a visit to look over MOBILCOM-1. He said that all of the silicon needed to be removed around the windows before the vehicle can be painted, since paint will not stick to silicon. He said that he will be able to put the primer on the vehicle where it sits at, but it will be moved into town when it gets ready to be painted.

The clocks are still on hold, but Ken, WA8LLM saw a clock panel at the Athens Hamfest that might be the way to go on the clock faces. He will look for the material at the Dayton Hamfest. We will be back to work on the clocks, now that the building of the canopy has been finished.

Lisa, KB8UER, and Anna, KC8JWW, explained about allowing WCEC to build a building to be a base of operations of the organization. Anna who owns the property is willing to lease the property to the organization. The property is on a 900 plus hilltop that is clear in all directions. Al, N8UBG suggested that Ken, WA8LLM, and Anna work out the details. It was discussed about of leasing the property for a said amount of time, and if the organization ceases to exist the building would go back to the land owner. It was discussed about building a building large enough to have radio operating facilities and a meeting room, about a 24 feet by 32 feet. The building will have a basement that would be used for radio operations and a top that would be built as the money would be come available. Towers would be allowed to be installed on the site. A lengthy discussion followed. All at the meeting was in favor of building the base of operation at that location.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the information for the Field Day banner is together and that he will order the banners for Field Day. He will also write the letter requesting the use of the picnic area at Mountwood Park for Field Day.

Mike, KC8JWR, gave a report on the painting of the chairs. He said there are 85 chairs that have been painted and need to be added to the inventory list.

Anna, KC8JWW, and Lisa, KB8UER gave a report on the area map for locating Amateur Radio operators.

Lisa, KB8UER, has received a disk from Don, N8NUS, and has been talking to her internet service about getting a Website address from them. Several members have been getting information together to put the Website in operation.

Al, N8UBG, said that hardship form is still being laid out. He said the form will be ready for the next safety break. Al says he is still waiting for Ken, WA8LLM, to get him the rest of the information that needs to be put on the form.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the monthly classes that have been held so far. He's not for sure whether we will be having a First Aid class or not. There is no class planned for this month yet. If there is a class put together, Ken will let everyone know what, when, and where it will be.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Wirt County table top exercise that will be held May 3, 2001.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Athens County disaster drill date has been changed from May 12 to June 2, 2001. Ken will be taking MOBILCOM-1 to the drill.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department wants our tables, chairs, and canopies for their Ice Cream social.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Pete McMullens about the county fair using our canopy for Senior Citizens Day. Pete says the canopy will be big enough for them. Pete asked if we would consider raising the cost of our BINGO games to 50 cents a card, he was instructed that we would

not. He said that we do have the BINGO games this year. They may change their minds next year.

Anna, KC8JWW, says there still needs to be some more help on May 24th for Artsbridge, which will be held at WVUP. Harold, KC8JGH, says there should be at least 7 or 8 radio operators to help.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Brundage Regatta. The officials didn't use as many radio operators as they should have. There was plenty of help available. Ken told about the first shell that had capsized since we have been helping provide safety communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new canopy is complete. It has not been completely put together yet, but in theory, it should work just fine.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Great Ohio Bike Adventure. It will be held in June and will be in the Marietta area the middle of the week of June 18th through 22nd. Marietta Amateur Radio Club is looking for communications help. Anyone interested can contact Connie, N8IO, or listen on the 146.88 and 146.97 repeaters the day that help is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackson County Hamfest will be on Sunday May 6th, this weekend.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Ryan, KC8IOG, stopped by the house and dropped off items that belongs to the organization. Ryan will be leaving the area, going back to North Carolina on May 15th.

There will be no Challenge at Mountwood this year. The officials said they couldn't get any body to help.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since Ryan was leaving the area, and he was the person in charge of it, does the organization still want to hold a Special Event Station during Volcano Days. We have till September to decide. If we decide to do it, we need to get the information into the magazines.

Harold, KC8JHG, said that Kirk, KC8JRV, got the radio back that he had left at the Mall.

Mike, KC8JWR, and Dot, KC8HAI attended the Volcano Days meeting, and said the committee is planning to have a foot race on Saturday morning. The race will start around the rifle range go behind the lake and wind

up near the activities. He also wanted to know about getting the regatta crew to do some kind of activity on the lake.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ivan Logsdon KD8BW