

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
November 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members present.

Minutes from the October 2, 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 hasn't had much time to do anything with the repeater. He said that he did find the printed circuit boards that will be used in the remote receivers to connect the receiver to the link transmitter. We need to get the new repeater and new remote receivers on the air as soon as possible. The intermod from the paging transmitter seems to be getting worse, plus the intermod from one of the local hams in Williamstown is making the repeater noisy. He says the tower at St. Marys which was used for the remote receiver fell down in the wind storm we had a couple of weeks before the meeting. The antennas were destroyed. The St. Marys remote receiver has been off the air for a few months before the tower fell. Ken went to the tower site, and picked up the antennas and radio. He's been working on the remote station, but is unable to get it power up properly.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he took MOBILCOM-1 for Bill Collins to look at to see if painting was possible. Bill is supposed to talk to RC (Heck) Heckert, and then Ken is supposed to get back with Heck.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jimmy Harper Jr. has never shown up again about bulldozing the basement for the base of operations building. If we don't get the basement started before winter, we may have to put it off until Spring. Then we will start getting busy again on other activities.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Mineral Wells Cross County foot race. Since there was no electricity at the first foot race, we provided the electricity for the official clocks, computer, and printer. On the second foot race one of the runners had asthma and needed an inhaler. One of the radio operators called back to the Finish Line and had the coach be prepared for him when he got there.

Lisa, KB8UER, said that nothing else has been done with the map of the area Amateurs and the Web Site. It was suggested that we get the web site going so that we can start putting the WCEC Newsletter on it. We may want to reduce the number of newsletters we send out due to the mail service security. At the present time we mail about 125

newsletters. There was a short discussion about the newsletter.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Waterworks Regatta. The officials had all kinds of plans on how they were going to time the rowers, but they couldn't find any schools that wanted to race. They canceled the activity the Wednesday before the race. But they do want our help at the Brundage Regatta next Spring.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Joe, N8MEV, was going to talk to Joe Lockhart at Easy Rider Bus about using their conference room for a meeting place for our monthly meetings. A short discussion followed. This month's meeting at the telephone company was a spur of the moment change. We

weren't informed that Camdem Clark was having a meeting, and would have all three rooms tied up.

Lisa, KB8UER, brought up about going to Dunbar to get signed up for the government surplus equipment. It was told that Civil Air Patrol was having to turn in their old radios for new ones, and the old ones had been taken Dunbar. It was discussed about a group going to Dunbar, get signed up, and try to get hold of the old CAP radios . Those planning on going to Dunbar were Lisa, Harold, N8KO, Ken, KB8QPW, and Ken, WA8LLM. The group is going to make a trip on Thursday, November 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing December 8, 2001 at the Easy Rider bus garage 6:00 pm.

There will be Safety Break over the Thanksgiving Holiday and the New Years Holiday weekends. Thanksgiving safety break will start at 6:00 am on Wednesday, November 21, and run thorough 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 25. New Years safety break will start at 6:00 am on Friday, December 28, and run through Tuesday, January 1, 2002. Both safety breaks will be five days long. Schedules were passed around to fill out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report of the chemical leak at Chevron on October 29th. Those involved with the leak were Cathy, KC8DJJ, Dot, KC8HAI, Mike, KC8JWR, Kevin, KC8OXY, Don, N8NUS, and Ken, WA8LLM.

There will be pictures taken after the meeting for new ID cards. The old ones will run out December 31, 2001.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to know if anyone needed batteries, followed by a

short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Wood County ARES Plan needs to be updated. There are some names that need to be changed. Basically the plan is ok, but we need to get a couple of new Assistant Emergency Coordinators. Ken, KB8QPW, suggested that one Assistant EC be from the WCEC organization, and one from the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub.

Ken, KB8QPW, discussed the Christmas dinner. He said that anyone who doesn't fill out the form on what they want to eat for the dinner at this meeting, will be contacted later by telephone. He will also make phone contact with the other members on the roster. It was suggested that we invite Terry Brown, KC8AOF, to the dinner/meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, discussed about the paying of the unpaid reimbursement bills of individuals out of the Thanksgiving Safety Break donations. All of the other money from the BINGO games this Summer have already been deposited, or re-deposited in the bank. It would be easier to pay back by cash instead of a bunch of checks.

Lisa, KB8UER, suggested that when the land contract is written up for the base of operation building, that Anna, KC8JWR, be dropped as a Trustee since the property belongs to her. It would look better that her name not be on the land agreement and as a Trustee. It was decided to get a new Trustee when the paperwork gets closer to being signed.

Harold, N8KO, brought up for discussion about making up certificates for those who pass 5, 13, and 20 word per minute code. Ken, WA8LLM, will check with Dana, WV8G, to see if W5YI already has any such certificates.

An application for a new member was received. Matt Doyle, KC8FSI, is Unit 293.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263.