

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 2, 2001

Meeting was called to order at about 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 11 members present.

Minutes from the September 4, 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 he had accidentally cut the coax going to the antenna that he is using to test the repeater, but the transmitter is still hooked to a dummy load antenna.

Ken, WA8LLM, ran into RC (Heck) Heckert again at Volcano Days. He said he was going to be laying his painter off shortly, so we need to get MOBILCOM-1 over to have his painter look at it as soon as possible. Harold, KC8JHG, said that we could take the vehicle over to his house and we could have a work party cleaning it up. Ken said that he would try to get it over to the painter this weekend or while he's on vacation next week. We still need to use it at the Lubeck Fun Run and also get it inspected.

Clocks for the road race had already been put on the back burner, and shouldn't have been on the agenda.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Harold, KC8JHG, talked about making a trip to Dunbar to sign up the organization to be able to purchase government surplus equipment. The trip may be next week.

Lisa, KB8UER, had someone lined up to do the bulldozing for the basement of the base of operations building for 75 dollars an hour, but Ken, WA8LLM, said there was a construction worker doing bulldozing near the area. The construction worker looked at the job and said that he would do the work for 55 dollars an hour, all we have to do is mark off the location. The dozing never got done. The driveway now has a name, and the new building has an address which was assigned by the E-911 center. A discussion was held about laying blocks as opposed to pouring the basement walls. It was also discussed about the different block layers that we might hire, and about the septic system.

Lisa, KB8UER, gave a report of the area map of Amateurs that she's working on.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the four day disaster drill he had attended

the week before. After the disaster drill, it was discussed about not having personal information on the Website after we get it into operation. Information that could be used against us SHOULD NOT be put on the website that could be accessed by any one. It was decided that only information to be put on the website, when it gets into operation, is how to get a hold of us, and general information.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report for Kevin, KC8OXY, about the Volcano Days Special Event Station. The SES was a flop, since there wasn't enough radio operators to operate the station, and to participate in the BINGO games. The Boy Scouts were having problems with parking, and Kevin, who he is one of the scout leaders had to help them out.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO games. He also gave a report on how much money needs to be budgeted out for next year, such as for MOBILCOM-1 insurance, vehicle licenses, and cellular telephone. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to RESA about getting a room for a new meeting place. The rooms they have are not very big, but they do have one room that should work. RESA said that Tuesday evenings are not a good day to schedule a regular monthly meeting. Ken will get in contact with Everett at CCMH and see how many more meetings the group will be able to hold at the hospital. Ken also told about the hospital asking to have MOBILCOM-1 participate in the Air Show activity at the City Park on September 23rd. Earl Totten, Larry Stephens, and Steve Radabaugh, who have all picked up some of the work for which Jim Rose was responsible for, at CCMH, still wants to keep our organization involved with all hospital activities.

W5YI VE testing will be held October 13, at 6:00 pm at the Easy Rider Bus Garage.

Harold, KC8JHG, brought up for discussion about a way to keep the rain water from coming down on the table when the Concession Trailer is set up for Safety Breaks. Ken, WA8LLM, will try to re-engineer a way to keep the table dry before the next Safety Break. The trailer has a flat tire at this time, and will need to be fixed or replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported there was programming of the UHF HT-600 Walkie Talkies, that are kept in MOBILCOM-1. Terry, KC8AOF, who is the interim Emergency Services Director for Wood County, spent most of the day on Saturday at Volcano Days. He and Sam, N8SVX, programmed Channel SIX to work with the Emergency Services portable repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Terry, KC8AOF, had called him on September 11th, at 3:30 pm wanting to know what WCEC was going to do in preparation for

activities that might happen due to the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings that day. Terry said that he faxed a letter to the State Office of Emergency Services stating that in case the President of the United States was to invoke the War Powers Act, that he wanted Wood County Emergency Communications Inc. (WCEC) to be registered as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) for Wood County Emergency Services. Duane Jones, N8LDM, has been assigned as the RACES Officer and will be rewriting the RACES Plan. An explanation was given on the operations of Amateur Radio "if" the President was to invoke the War Powers Act. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that our group was the only ones that had Cellular phone service at Volcano Days. We had service because we had a transmitting cellular telephone antenna that was donated by Don, N8NUS. It wasn't the best service, but we did have the only cell service.

The Waterworks Regatta will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2001. There will be some changes in how the timing of each race will be done. Ken, WA8LLM, is to go to a regatta meeting on Wednesday October 3, 2001.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292.