

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
September 4, 2001

Meeting was called to order at about 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 14 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from the August 7, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new 147.255 repeater is still being worked on from time to time. The repeater transmitter is still connected to an antenna and to power. He keys it up once in awhile to make sure that it is still working.

With the activities of the Parkersburg Homecoming and Half Marathon, it hasn't been possible to get MOBILCOM-1 over to RC (Heck) Heckert's place of business to get it painted. The next major activity will be Volcano Days. We will have a couple of weeks to get it ready to be taken over to be looked at, and see what else needs to be done with it. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he should be talking to Heckert before the September meeting. Ken also gave a report about taking MOBILCOM-1 to Jackson's Mill. He said the long trip done it some good, it seems to be running better, but it has a lot to be desired as far as taking it up hill, it just doesn't have the power for them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hadn't talked to his brother, Leon, for awhile about the road race clocks. Ken said that he put his brother on another project, and that was the building of the speakers for the BINGO canopy.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the area of the base of operation has been marked off and about where the building will be built. It has been discussed about pouring the walls for the basement as opposed to laying up block. We still need to find out how much of a difference it will be. It was discussed about putting together a committee that would be in charge of the building, but nothing was put together officially, followed by a short discussion.

The map of area Amateurs is still being worked on. Lisa, KB8UER, passed around a couple of maps at the meeting that she has been working on. She is still getting GPS readings from different locations.

Lisa, KB8UER, said that she and Don, N8NUS, have been discussing and working on putting together a the Web Site for the organization.

Kevin, KC8OXY, said that he is still going to work with the Special

Event Station. He would like to have additional people to help.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He said that he would like to have additional help next year. He said that he would like to get commitments earlier in the year. He said there is going to be changes made in the race course since a lot of the old course is under construction due to the building of new Route 50.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. He said that we made less money this year than last year. The crowds seemed to be big, but the payouts weren't as high.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Labor Day Safety Break. There wasn't anything special that happened on any of the shifts. We still need to get a good packet path set up so that AI, N8UBG, can keep the weather forecasts updated.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Kanawha County DAREN packet node and a new 10 amp power supply are back in Wood County. Since it's been down for over a year, and the group in Charleston isn't doing anything to get it back in operation, he asked them to bring it to Jackson's Mills so that he could pick it up. Also Ken got another packet station back that has been loaned out for several years and is not being used. These stations will be used to get the Pleasants and Ritchie County nodes back in operation. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new lights and speakers for the canopy worked great. He said there was a few minor adjustments to the speaker system, but that was worked out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new weather transmitter in Athens is in operation, but it's hard to hear in some areas of Wood County. He was hoping that it would have been better in Wood County. The Wood County weather transmitter was turned off as soon as the Athens one came on, since they were both on the same frequency.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that Jim Rose of Camden Clark Hospital is no longer employed at CCMH. He and four other Middle Management people were terminated due to down sizing. Jim was our contact with CCMH and got us scheduled for the meeting room. We need to start looking for another place to meet. It was suggested to use the library. Ken, said he would contact RESA V to see if there are any rooms that could be used for our meetings. He would also talk to Everett at CCMH to see if he can tell us how many more meetings we would be able to hold at CCMH.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about an 800 mHz radio that would be used as part of the new hospital to hospital radio system. Before Jim Rose had to

leave CCMH, he asked if we could purchase a radio for MOBILCOM-1. Now that Jim is gone, we will have to decide later whether we want to purchase the radio or not. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a new Public Address amplifier needed to be purchased for use with the new speaker system. The new PA is a 100 watt unit and can be used with the 8 speakers that are running 10 watts each. He explained the minor problem with the new speaker system.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a couple of bad checks that was taken in at the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. The checks totaled 175 dollars. From now on no more than one check, per day, per person, and not to exceed 25 dollars. Also they must show a valid drivers license and a Social Security Number. He is going to keep trying to get the checks cashed. He has went by the house addressed on the check and tried to call the people, with no luck. The bank says there is no money to cover the checks.

Ray, N8TWV, suggested that we look at some way of fixing the rain water from coming off the consession trailer roof down onto the table. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would try to do something to fix the problem. We may be taking MOBILCOM-1 down to the safety breaks.

Lisa, KB8UER, has been looking around for tent material. The material will be used to make some 10 by 10 and 10 by 20 canopies, and to add over hang on the 24 by 40 canopies.

It was announced the Lubeck Fun Run will be held at the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Station on October 6, 2001. Pancake breakfast will be served after the race.

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, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Archie Carpenter, W8GWR/Unit 291, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, guest Charlie Helmick, W8JZN.