

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at about 7:01 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 17 members and guests present.

Minutes from the March 5, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that he purchased four UHF Walkie/Talkies that will be used for Link Transmitters for the Remote Receivers for the 147.255 repeater. He brought one of the assembled Remote Receivers to the meeting for show and tell. Ken found six out of the eight GE MASTR II radios that Sam, N8SVX, has tuned up. Sam is supposed to have some more of the radios at his house. Duane, N8LDM, helped work on the Remote Receivers one night and Ken, KB8QPW, helped work on them another night. The Remote Receiver will go on either the Limestone or St. Marys tower sites in the next few days. Ken said he doesn't want to use up all of the money at one time, since there will need to be several dollars available to pay for other projects. Instead of paying off the credit card in full, that was used to purchase the radios, it will be paid off a little at a time. Ken, WA8LLM, said that even though he made a quick test of the Remote Receivers with a signal generator, he would still like to test them on a good service monitor before putting them in services at a tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had talked to Tim Graham about bulldozing the area for the basement of the Base of Operations. Tim said that he will do it for 500 dollars, and he may do it before the end of the week. Tim said there is a block layer by the name of Brookover that lives somewhere over on Red Hill that may do the block laying at a reasonable price. A short discussion followed.

Lisa, KB8UER, gave a report on the map of area Amateurs. It was discussed about using the Topo Maps to help get the Latitude and Longitude of the Amateurs that are involved in ARES, RACES, or Skywarn activities.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he hasn't heard from Karen, N8KVU, about the Website. He did say that she was having trouble with her computer and that it had died on her. It was suggested that we check to see if there is a website by the name of WCEC.COM, or WCEC.ORG.

Ken, WA8LLM, has updated the Wood County ARES Plan, and has printed off three copies. He passed out copies of the plan to the ARES Emergency

Coordinator and Assistant Emergency Coordinators that were at the meeting. He wants to make sure if there are any other changes that need to be made before more copies are printed off.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the unpaid receipt bills will be paid as the Safety Breaks and BINGO games are operated.

Ken, KB8QPW, brought another copy of the surplus property letter that needs to be typed up on County Commission Letterhead and signed by them. Harold, N8KO, said that he would go with Ken, WA8LLM, to talk to County Commissioner, Ken Merritt about getting it typed up and signed. We still haven't found out what the blank cards were for, that was mailed to us a month or so after we had signed up for the West Virginia side of surplus property.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought copies of a map of the bike race course that will be used at the Challenge at Mountwood to be held on April 7th. We may have to set up the canopy if the weather is rainy. Ken, KB8QPW, is going to set up one of the Remote Receivers somewhere on top of the hill so that we can cover more of the race course. Terry, KC8AOF, is going to set up the Emergency Services Portable UHF Repeater to help cover the race course.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Children's Bike Rodeo to be held on May 4th, the Brundage Schoolboy Regatta on May 18th, and the Pepsi, Volcano Day Run on September 28th during the Volcano Days festival.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't see in the paper where the Cellular Tower Ordinance had already been passed, but was told that it had. It's possible that none of the changes were made that were suggested.

Ken, WA8LLM, and Duane, N8LDM, made a trip to Fairmont and picked up the old REACOM consoles that were taken out of Wheeling. Terry, KC8AOF said that we could possibly be able to make four operating positions out of the equipment that he has. While at Fairmont we found out they have 27 bays of Microwave equipment that was given to the Emergency Medical Service by Dominion Hope Gas company when they switched out there analog Microwave to Digital Microwave. They said that if we needed any of that equipment all we would have to do is ask for it, the same way it was done for the consoles. There is no microwave dish antennas or wave guide available.

Ken, KB8QPW, made a visit to the Red Cross Communications Room and installed a shelf on the desk. He mounted the radio that came out of the concession trailer, and the new voice radio on the shelf. Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI, went to the Red Cross on Monday before the meeting and installed the new digital clock and another mailtray, that

makes three on each side. Ken, WA8LLM, said he does have a set of keys for the front door, the side door, the communication room door , and the hallway door . Now we can check out, and/or operate the radios at the Red Cross any time we need to.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, attended the Jackson County CB Club. Ken spoke at the meeting about Emergency Communications. Ken said that he took a Simplex Repeater, setup on the FRS frequencies, to the meeting for Show and Tell. Ken said he would like to someday set the repeater up on a hilltop to see what kind of range we could get.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Incident Command Class that was held on March 23rd and 24th. There were eight members of WCEC that took the class. Ken said the instructor, Mike Daley, KC8JHK, says there's a terrorism class that can also be taken. We need to set up a date and time for it.

Tim, N8KO, reminded everyone that Day Light Savings Time would be the same day as the Challenge at Mountwood, so we don't want to be too late, or too early by forgetting to set the clocks.

NEW BUSINESS

Since it had already been explained in the Old Business part of the minutes about the four new Walkie/Talkies that were purchased, there was no further discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Dan Bartolf, N2RNF, the weather man from the National Weather Service, at the Charleston Hamfest. Dan said that he would like to schedule a Storm Spotters Class in the Wood County area. Ken said that he would talk to Dan and try to get one setup. Terry, KC8AOF, said that we could hold the class at the 911 center. Ken will contact Dan and get a date scheduled.

Terry, KC8AOF, showed a video on Transportation Terrorism. He just got the video that day and hasn't even seen it himself.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Doctor Ramsey, who is the director of the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services, called him on the telephone and says that he wants to see how the DAREN system works. Doctor Ramsey will set up a time when he can come to Parkersburg to see a DAREN an FINDER demonstration.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Members; Tim Dooley, N8WO Unit 273, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Lisa

Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292. Guests; Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES 1, Matt Dooley, Addie Boyles, William Johnson.