

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

January 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and two guests present.

Minutes from the December 4, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, says Sam, N8SVX, has the remote receivers tuned up, all we need to do is get the link transmitters interfaced with the receivers. Ken said he is going to build an office on the back of his garage and will be able to spend more time working on the repeater. Ken says he needs to build some filters to put on the Williamstown and maybe the Quincy hill receivers.

Ken, WA8LLM, says it doesn't look like we are going to get MOBILCOM -1 painted before next Spring. In April we will start with our activities and will start having the vehicle tied up.

Sam, N8SVX, says he's not for sure if the guy with the Bulldozer owns the dozer or not, he may talk him into bringing his Bulldozer out and digging the basement for the base of operations.

Lisa, KB8UER, said she thought about the area map of Amateurs the night before the meeting knowing it was going to be brought up. She still has the original plans on how she wants to put it together.

It was discussed about the website again and about tying a computer to a dedicated telephone line and using that as our storage of information of the site. Duane, N8LDM, said that might get with Karen, N8KVU, since she knows some about websites and has set up a couple of them for different businesses.

Sam, N8SVX, says he does know how to scan the newsletters but he's not sure the site he's using will let the newsletters be stored there.

Ken, WA8LLM, reported that we made \$533.59 during the New Years safety break. He said that we even got a check for three dollars. He's never had anyone write a check at any of the safety breaks.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub didn't have a business meeting at their Christmas dinner. We could not ask for an ARES assistant Emergency Coordinator representative from their club so we can update the ARES Plan. He will bring it up at their next

business meeting which will be in a couple of weeks.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we still have \$495.55 in unpaid bills. Some of the bills are for items that were purchased at the Dayton Hamfest, like the radios that we use for the BINGO games, stretchy straps for the canopy, food for some of our activities like Field Day, regattas, etc. Those bills can be paid out of petty cash rather than having a check written for them.

A report was given about the surplus equipment at Dunbar. We are able to purchase equipment on the state side of surplus, but we still have to get a letter from the County Commissioners stating that we are an integral part of county before we can get permission to purchase material from the Federal surplus. Ken, KB8QPW, has already written up a letter which we need to get the County Commission to sign.

Ken, WA8LLM, showed the organization the certificates that would be given to those who pass 5, 13, or 20 word per minute code. Ken has talked to Dana, WV8G, about the code tests. Dana still has his 13 and 20 word per minute code tapes, even though they are no longer required. Anyone that already has passed their 5, 13, or 20 word per minute code test and wants to get a certificate can take the test again. It won't cost anything for the test or the certificate. It will just be something you can hang on the wall to show people that you did pass the test.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about eight walkie/talkies that will be given to the organization. Sam says if the radios are Kenwood, there's a chance they can be programmed for the Two-Meter Ham Band. Ken will get radios before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, told the group, who didn't already know it, that he is retired.

Lisa, KB8UER, asked about the clocks for the road races. Ken, WA8LLM said that project was going to be cancelled since there will no longer be a half marathon. It was suggested that we still build a couple of clocks to be used for other activities. A short discussion was held about the half marathon and the clocks. The clock project will still be tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

W5YI testing will be February 9th at the Easy Rider Bus garage 6:00pm registration and 6:30pm for testing.

We need to start a list of activities for the year 2002.

We need to get the letters sent to the Department of Highways for the

Safety Breaks.

We haven't heard anything about when Craft 2000 will be holding their activity and will be needing our canopy.

The County Commission is making a ordinance for the building of Cellular Tower, but Amateur towers are exempt, but that could change. We need to keep an eye on the ordinance.

A lot of little non-business items were discussed.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, David Stevens Unit 274, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253. Guests were Ed Reno, KG8GR, Charlie Helmick, W8JZN.