

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
July 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 20 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 4, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. While at a drowning event in Ritchie County, he and Ken, KB8QPW, re-installed the Remote Receiver in Ritchie County. There must have been something wrong with the receiver or the antenna, since it was unusable more than a couple of miles from the tower site. Ken will try to get back to the site before the next meeting to correct the problem.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Joe, N8MEV. Joe has a new spray gun that he will be using to paint MOBILCOM-1. Joe won't be at the bus garage much longer and that will give him more time to work at painting the vehicle.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the hole in the ground for the new base of operations building is still there, and it does have some water in it. As some of the other activities slow down work will start up again on the building.

Lisa, KB8UER, gave a report on the map of area Amateurs. A short discussion followed.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that his contact at Network Associates has been under the weather. He and Sam, N8SVX, made a trip to Network Associates, to talk to Bill Stone, and get some ideas on how to set the Website up. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about giving the Website at the Marietta Amateur Radio Club meeting. They suggested that we get a domain name such as WC8EC.COM. It would be a lot easier for some to hook up to. He was told that it is only about 30 or 35 dollars a year for the name.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the Federal surplus at Dunbar. He talked to Valerie Brown about the permission. Vallery said she has not heard back from the Government Services Administration about the approval yet. She should be hearing from them shortly. A short discussion followed about junk that is at Dunbar.

There was a reminder about the Volcano Days/Pepsi Run.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has never heard anything from anyone about the Triathlon that is supposed to be held on July 6th at Mountwood Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run. Everything worked out good. The UHF portable repeater was used as the primary communications, and backed up with amateur radio. Ken said that we got a Thank You letter from the officials of the race.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Shelter Number Nine at the Parkersburg City Park has been reserved for the August 6th WCEC Picnic/Business meeting.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable Foundation. We won't be able to make the July deadline. The idea of getting grant money was from Tim Miller, WB8MOI, who is looking for a way to get money to build another tower at Mountwood Park. The tower would be purchased, and installed by grant money, and any Public Safety would be allowed to use the tower for their communication systems. Tim has never got back with us on a price for the tower project. A short discussion followed.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the newsletters that will be put on the Website once we get it up and running. He has scanned several of the newsletters and has them on CD.

Terry, KC8AOF, gave a report on the 30 foot trailer that he acquired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He said the trailer has never been lived in, even though it was sent to the flooded area in Southern part of the state. He will be making a trip down to pick it up and pull it back to Wood County. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8AOF, gave a report on the T-Shirts for the Vienna Road Run. Terry was able to get the shirts and will distribute them after the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the River Sweep.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on Field Day. The report will be sent in as soon as all the paper work is put together.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Joe, N8MEV, will be leaving the bus garage, so there needs to be a new location for the W5YI testing. Terry, KC8AOF, said E-911 building is available for the testing. The next test session will be on August 10th.

WCES/WCEC trailer swap. Terry, KC8AOF, Duane, N8LDM, and Ken, WA8LLM, made a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles to straighten out the

trailer titles. The concession trailer and the chair trailer are now titled to WCEC, and they have legal licenses. Ken said he still needs to get the big blue trailer titled that is being used to haul the canopy frames.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on a new trailer that was built for use as a Port-A-John, capable of two users. The trailer can be taken to any disaster that has no facilities available. The trailer was used at Field Day. Ken said the name of the trailer is PJ-1, but Terry, KC8AOF, said that it needed to be renamed as PJ-2H, (Port-A-John, Two Holer). Ken said that at any time trailer is needed, it would be available. A crappy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is going to start work again on the new BINGO trailer starting the next day. He has to get the trailer ready for the county fair BINGO games.

There was a lengthy discussion about holding Field Day activities at different locations.

Ken, WA8LLM, mentioned about a disaster drill that may involve about 10 counties. The drill is going to be held some time this Fall. He said that the Assistant State Fire Marshall said that Amateur Radio is going to be involved.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the President of the United States will be in Ripley on the 4th of July. Ken gave a report on the number of telephone lines that is being installed, and how much security there will be. Terry, KC8AOF, also gave information about the Arts and Craft Fair that will be held at the same time.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Tim Dooley, N8WO Unit 273, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266, Jeannia Dooley N8JMD/Unit 269, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Charlie Helmick W8JZN, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Paul Brilman KC8UHH, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25