

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
June 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 22 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 7, 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. After installing, or re-installing some of the remote receivers, there is an audio chopping problem. He says he can correct the problem by adding a capacitor on the remote receivers. It will cause a delay in the keying up of the repeater, and there will be a little bit of hang time on each of the receivers that has the modification. He will make trip to each of the sites as soon as he can to make the modification.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that since Spring is here that he is going to start cleaning the rest of the silicon off of MOBILCOM-1. He will also be checking with Joe, N8MEV, to see if he can paint it in Ken's back yard.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he has a lazer light that he can use to set the stacks and start digging the footers to get the concrete poured.

Lisa, KB8UER, wasn't at the meeting, so there was no report on the map of area Amateurs.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the website. It was discussed about what kind of program was needed to work with the website. Sam, N8SVX, has several of the newsletters scanned using a program that he just got that will save them as a PDF file. This is the type file that some of the people said we should be using.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was no changes that needed to be made in the Wood County ARES Plan.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the unpaid bills will be taken care of after we have some of our fund raisers.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Federal Side of the surplus at Dunbar. He said that he picked up the permission letter from the County Commission on Thursday, May 9th. He and Ken, KB8QPW, went to Dunbar on Friday to deliver the letter and fill out any additional papers. As of May 31st there hasn't been any approval given. The officials at Dunbar faxed our letter to the GSA (Government Service

Administration) to get approval from them. The problem of getting approval is because we get no funding from the County Commission.

Dot, KC8HAI, gave a report on the Brundage School Boy Regatta. She said that it was cold and they ran the race control out of the back of her vehicle. The official still have trouble telling time.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he ran into one the girls who works on the Triathlon while he was at the Artbridge activity. He was told the boats will be rowing around the lake and the runners and bikes will be using some of the bike trails. They never said if they wanted communications or not, and no one has contacted us, we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Skywarn Class. There were 31 people in attendance and 25 of them were Amateurs. Some of the people that were there didn't sign the attendance log, but there was some names added that we knew were there.

Ken, WA8LLM, says we still need to install the Ritchie County Remote Receiver before they figure we don't want to use the location any more. Maybe we can get it in before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run that will be June 8th. We need to be on location by 7:30 am. Ken will get maps ready and make the assignments when we meet Saturday morning. Everyone should meet at Hardee's on 7th Street at about 7:00 am.

W5YI testing will be at 6:00 pm on Saturday June 8th at the bus garage.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he gave up trying to get the T-Shirts for the road run we worked in Vienna. If they want us next year we need to get in contact with the officials a few days before the race to talk over the communications.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a thank you letter from Artsbridge Festival thanking us for our help in providing communications. Next year's Artsbridge Festival date has been set for Wednesday, May 28, 2003.

There is still no confirmed date on all the cross county races, but one of them will be on the same date as the Volcano Days/Pepsi race at Mountwood Park.

Anna, KC8JWW, says that Lisa, KB8UER, has her letter ready to go to the Newspaper to advertise our Field Day activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we were running out of ink pins, so new ones

were ordered and have arrived.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the letter has been sent to the Fair Board telling them that we are willing to pay them the 25 percent they require for us to run the BINGO games. They haven't called us back saying that anyone else is running the games, so we will assume we will be the ones operating them.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that he has sent the letter to Mountwood Park requesting the use of shelter number 4 for our Field Day event.

Ken, KB8QPW, wanted to know if there was going to be a picnic for our August meeting. It was discussed and decided to hold the picnic meeting at shelter number nine, if we're not too late getting it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the remote receiver at his location on Laurel Creek had died, and that he had to put together another remote receiver to take it's place.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about trying to get a grant to build a tower at Mountwood Park. Tim Miller, WB8MOI, would like to build the tower for use of all Public Safety agencies. Judy, N8UFQ, got the information off of the internet about the Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable Fund grant organization. Followed by a discussion.

Sam, N8SVX, has been scanning the past two years of newsletters with a program that puts it in a PDF format. PDF format is one which most of the internet users that we have talked to use. He said that we can put the past two or three month's newsletters on the website, depending on how much memory will be available. We can also put some of the first newsletters on so people can get a copy of them to get them up to date. Ken, KB8QPW, is still working with Bill on getting the website set up.

Ken, WA8LLM, loaned the old table to Eastwood Fire Department for their Ice Cream Social, but while getting them ready he found that four tables were missing. He doesn't know who he might have loaned them to. He was hoping that someone might remember who they were loaned to.

Terry, KC8AOF, said that Wood County Emergency Services will be acquiring a 30 foot trailer through the State Office of Emergency Services. He's hoping to turn the trailer into a portable Emergency Operations Center. It will be used as the Operating Center, and MOBILCOM-1 will be used as the Communications Center. All that we would need to do is have a communications cable link between the two centers. The 30 foot trailer will have a 2 inch ball and can be pulled by a regular vehicle. A short discussion followed about having a Field Telephone system.

There was a short discussion about Field Day which will be June 22nd and 23rd. It was discussed about renting a Port-A-John for use at Field Day, to keep from having to walk around the hill in the wee hours of the night.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290 Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Guests Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, McKinzee Yoho, Charlie Helmick W8JZN, Tricia Magyarosi, Krista Mills, Addie Boyles,