

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
May 7, 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 15 members and guests present.

Minutes from the April 2, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported there wasn't anything to say about the new 147.255 repeater, but there are two new remote receivers on the air. They have a little problem that needs to be worked out. They chop the voice in and out. One of the receivers is located on Limestone Hill at Rockport and the other one is on top of the Rt. 16 Hill at St. Marys. Ken said there is also a problem with the WASHOH DAREN NODE. It is making noise on the repeater when it is connected to. Ken said that he made a trip over to the Ritchie County site where there used to be a remote receiver. He says the antennas are still there and he has talked to the Ritchie County Telephone Company. They said it is okay to put the remote receiver back in, however, they hope to be replacing the tower in three or four months. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that since Spring is here that he is going to start cleaning the rest of the silicon off of MOBILCOM-1, so that we can look at getting it painted.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the bulldozer work for the basement of the Base of Operation building is done, we just need to get some dry days so that we can get the ditches dug for the footer. The dozer operator was going to make the footer 16 inches by 16 inches, but Ken doesn't feel the footers need to be that deep and wide. He thinks it will be better to dig the footers by hand.

Lisa, KB8UER, says she had to stop working on the map of area Amateurs for a little while, but she will be getting back on it.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the website. Network Associates is going to sponsor our website. The only things they would like to do is put their name at the bottom of the website, and that any new people, in the organization, that get on the internet, that we ask them to go to Network Associates as an internet provider. The website name is: netassoc.netwc8ec. Ken, WA8LLM said that he sent out a self addressed stamped postcard with this month's newsletter. The post card asks for the E-Mail address so the newsletter can be E-Mailed to everyone.

Since neither of the Assistant Emergency Coordinators were at the meeting, we don't know if there needs to be any changes made to the Wood County ARES Plan that was handed out last month.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on purchasing equipment on the Federal side of surplus at Dunbar. He said that he talked to commissioners Modesitt and Tebay on Saturday, May 4th. He was told to come to the county commission meeting on Monday, May 6th, to talk about the letter that is needed. At the meeting on Monday, the commissioners said they would have the letter written up and signed for the Thursday commission meeting, and Ken can pick it up there. Ken said that he and Ken, KB8QPW, will make a trip to Dunbar to get signed up and look around.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the using of a remote receiver at the Challenge at Mountwood Bike Race. The race was discussed by all that had anything to say about it. Since Terry, KC8AOF, used the Wood County Emergency Services UHF repeater at the bike race, Ken, WA8LLM, says that he now has the UHF radio in MOBILCOM-1 programed for that frequency. It is set up as a mobile, as a base, and on simplex. Ken, WA8LLM, read a thank you letter from the Challenge at Mountwood.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Children's Bike Rodeo. The organization set up a show and tell of Amateur Radio. Ken, KB8QPW, set up an his HF station. There was a Two Meter voice station and a Packet Radio set up also. A few people stopped by to look things over and talk. It was also mentioned that it would be nice to be able to have a show and tell of Amateur Radio someday at the Mall where a lot of people could come in and see what all Amateur Radio could do.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Brundage Schoolboy regatta May 18th, and the Pepsi Volcano Days run on September 28th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there is more of the REACOM type consoles at Huntington. He got the information from the EMS Technicians when he was working at the Limestone tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he hasn't heard anything official about the TRIATHLON, that is going to be held on July 6th, at Mountwood Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked to Dan Bartolf, N2RNF. He says the Skywarn Class is scheduled to be held 7:00pm, May 23rd, at the 911 Center. We need to announce the class on as many nets and on TV to get a good attendance.

Anna, KC8JWW, asked about the Vienna Road Run. Duane, N8LDM, said that he talked to Danny at Vienna Fire Department about the shirts. Duane said that we could have done a better job of the race, if, we would have had someone at the beginning of the race. Danny is supposed to

try to get the shirts for those who helped with race.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new St. Marys Remote Receiver has been installed. It is at the same tower site as the DAREN NODE, and the 145.01 & 145.09 Packets NODEs. A new battery and power supply have also been installed at the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Mountain Classic 10K Road Race is scheduled for June 8th. The race will start and end inside the Parkersburg City Park.

W5YI Testing is also scheduled for 6:00pm on June 8th at the Easy Rider bus garage.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Dorsey Cheuvront called him and gave him the dates for the cross country races. One of the dates is the same date as the Pepsi Volcano Days race, on September 28, 2002. We will have to get someone to coordinate that race, possibly Sammy, N8SVX, since the race will be at the county fair grounds, next to Sammy's house. There is no Smoot One Mile Road Run.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Blennerhassett VFD needed a canopy for their spaghetti dinner, which was May 4th, the same day as the children's bike rodeo. He said that he fixed up one of the old 24 by 40 canopies and set it up for them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to the president of the Wood County Interstate Fair and Exposition. The president said that the fair board hadn't discussed the BINGO games, he was under the impression that WCEC was going to be running the games this year. He said to go ahead and order the BINGO license. It was also discussed about access to the fair grounds through the back gates. We need to be sure that it is locked after we go through. Tim, N8WO, suggested that we order the BINGO license as soon as possible. He says, that another organization that he calls BINGO for, is still waiting for their license. Ken says that he needs to write a letter, to be used as a contract, to the fair board asking to operate the BINGO games.

Lisa, KB8UER, reminded everyone that Field Day is next month. It was explained that Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June, not the last full weeked. Ken, WA8LLM, will contact Dick Bailey at Mountwood Park about using Shelter #4 for Field Day. It was talked about getting a Port-A-John for Field Day.

Lisa, KB8UER, asked about having a Special Event Station during Volcano Days. The group felt that since we can't get enough people to operate the station, that we not do it. If we could get enough opertors to

operate a SES that it should be set up somewhere away from the BINGO activities.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Members; Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Tim Dooley, N8WO Unit 273, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277. Guests; Larry Watring KC8TRQ, Charlie Helmick W8JZN, Judy Dugan.