

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
February 4, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

Minutes from the short January 7, 2003 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. He made three trips to the tower site to work on the repeater, Ken Riffle, KB8QPW, went on one trip, and Ray Johnson, KC8RUJ, went on one trip. A lot of work was done, but there is still a lot to be done. Ken says he has been building test equipment so that when he can get back to the tower site, he will be able to do some audio lineup work.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that we will not be able to do anything on the Base of Operation building until Spring when the ground dries up.

Lisa, KB8UER, says she hopes to have a lot more done on the Map of Area Amateurs by next month.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Website. He says things are being changed on a weekly, and sometimes daily basis.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he is still working on the letter to the Wood County Commission so that we can purchase surplus material on the Federal side at Dunbar.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that since he has been getting the Packet Class ready, he hasn't had time to put together a Code Class. As soon as the Packet Class is over we will start planning on the Code Class. He talked about using the old Weather Transmitter as a code practice transmitter. Ray, N8TWV, said the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub is also thinking about starting a code class. There will be more on it at the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Packet Radio Class will be held at the 911 center February 8th. Anyone wanting to bring their own computer could do so, but it needed to have a dumb terminal program. The class will be about six hours long. Three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. There will be snacks available to make sandwiches during a short break.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the W5YI testing at 6:00 pm, after

the Packet class.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained what all has been done to get insurance for MOBILECOM-1. He is still working with different insurance companies, and is trying to get Workman's Compensation. He needs to get the insurance before the Civil Air Patrol classes, which they want to have MOBILCOM-1 at.

Ken, KB8QPW, is still working on E-Mail addresses, and putting them on the "Members Only" area of the Website.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave the dates on the BINGO games that we need to apply for the licenses. Lisa, KB8UER, made a motion to apply for the BINGO License, Denise, KC8TUF, seconded the motion, all agreed. Ken will start on the application.

There were some membership applications and copies of Amateur licences turned in.

The letters to the West Virginia Department of High Ways for this year's Safety Breaks have been sent to them. We have asked for either the North or South bound rest areas. Ken said that he has talked to the DAV Chapter 32 and worked out a deal with them. If either organization happens to get both sides, one organization will work one side, and the other organization will work the other side.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, explained how Workmen's Compensation is set up, and how the payment is determined. Since we are a Non-Profit organization that has no paid employees, there's no way we can get Workmen's Compensation. There was a suggestion that we get a hold of Sharon Spencer, KC8KVF, who is in the state senate about getting a bill written that would help organizations such as ours get Workmen's Compensation.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about getting the ARRL Level One training. Ken, KB8QPW, has found that Level One books are available from the ARRL. The Level One test can be taken without taking the course "On Line". It's possible Amateurs wishing to have a state wide West Virginia ID card, may have to have the Level One training. Ray, KC8RUJ, made a motion to purchase three books at the price of \$10, which may be passed around for others to study. The motion was seconded by Rick, KC8VLM, and passed. Ken, KB8QPW, would order them. A short discussion followed.

After Ken, WA8LLM, said in the newsletter that he would have the pamphlet "Citizens' Preparedness Guide" at the meeting, but he forgot to bring them. He said that he would have them at the Packet Class and

the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, received a telephone call from the Triathlon committee, asking us to provide safety communications for their activity on July 5th at Mountwood Park. They said their communications last year weren't as good as the one's that we had provided.

Ken, WA8LLM, went over a list of activities that we will be providing safety communications for.

There was a short discussion about where to hold our Field Day activity. Nothing was decided at this time.

Charlie, W8JZN, said that he had heard that Radio Shack will be going out of the small part business. If you want computers, stereos, cell phones, etc., they will stay in business for that.

Lisa, KB8UER, started to make a motion, that we pay whatever the cost is for the insurance for MOBILCOM-1. But since we have to have the insurance, it was felt that a vote was not needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we need to do training on a lot of the equipment that we have in our possession. He also talked about using Amateur Radio Television (ATV) for some of our activities, including having ATV on an airplane or helicopter, and an ATV repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a letter from Phil Newhart, KB8GBE, who's wife Doris passed away.

Charile, W8JZN, brought a book containing information about the shuttle Columbia when it was first commissioned in the early 1980's.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Larry Watring KC8TRQ/Unit ??? Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Paul Brillman KC8UHH/Unit 262, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Dave Stevens, KC8VLJ, Unit 274, Mike Davis, KC8SIP, Pam Davis, KC8VPN, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser,