

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
January 7, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 28 members and guests present.

Minutes from the short December, 3, 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. He will going to the tower site on January 8th to place some of the new link receivers in the repeater rack, and do other work on the repeater. He has four of the remote receivers assembled and in operation at his house.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he may go and talk to Bosley Construction about donating some heavy equipment to finish digging the basement of the Base of Operations, but a whole lot can't be done until it gets a little closer to Spring.

Lisa, KB8UER, still has some updating of information to put on the Area Map of Amateurs.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the wc8ec.com website. He says that it's being updated about everyday. He says there are some people that are signing the guest log, and the check-ins are getting more every day.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he still has to get a letter written up to go to the County Commission about having WCEC to be a part of the county government. We need to be a part of the county government so that we can purchase Federal surplus equipment at Dunbar.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Safety Break over the Christmas weekend. He asked if anyone knew where the movie "Air Force One" came from. Ray, KC8RUJ, said that he donated the movie to the organization for use at the Concession Trailer. Ken also explained how to read the Weather Messages that Al, N8UBG, puts in the Packet station mailbox. It was suggested that an instruction sheet be made up so that anyone will be able to operate the station.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked Denise, KC8TUF, and Terry, KC8TUE, how they were doing learning the code, since they have borrowed two of the Code Practice Oscillators. They are up to a half a word an hour. Several of those at the meeting were wanting to learn the code. Ken says that we need to set up a date and location for a code class. In the Winter

the roads get too bad to go very far, and in the Summer we get so busy with the other activities. Ken, says that once you learn the 5 word per minute code you don't have to use it and you can forget it, unless you don't upgrade to the General Class license in 365 days. He also said the cost of testing is now \$12.00. The Technician Class question pool will be running out June 30, 2003.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Christmas Parade. It worked a lot better having three people in MOBILECOM-1 and spotters at two different locations. Half of the floats don't put their numbers where they are supposed to, so it's kind of hard finding out who they are.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a message from Bill Davidson, N8JXO. Bill said that Phil Newhart, KB8GBE's wife, is in very poor health, and they don't expect her to be around much longer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Bill Hollandsworth, N8KMN, about the folding chairs that we might get from the High School. He said some of the other schools in the county wanted them, so they are no longer available for us to get.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, reported there will be W5YI testing on February 8, 2003.

Ken, WA8LLM, received a letter from the insurance company about the insurance for MOBILECOM-1. The company is not going to renew the insurance. Their explanation is that we are an unclassified business. The agent that we have is going to look for another insurance provider. He called Bailey Insurance to see if they would provide insurance through the same company the county fire departments have. They said they may not be able to provide just liability insurance, that we may have to have some kind of insurance on the members of the organization.

Ken, KB8QPW, wants to get a list of everyone's E-Mail address. He passed a paper around to have those who have an E-Mail address to list it, if they wanted to.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a list of members that we need to get either a copy of their Amateur License, a Membership Application, or both. Several copies and applications were turned in.

Ken, KB8QPW, has already got his letter written for the Safety Breaks this year. Ken, WA8LLM, and Sam, N8SVX, need to get their letters written and sent to the Department of Highways. This year we are asking for either the North or South Bound Rest Area, not just the South Bound.

Ken, WA8LLM, needs to get the dates for the Interstate Fair,

Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days. We need to have the dates so that we can apply for our BINGO Licenses. There was a short discussion about not being able to spot the runners at Finish Line at the Half Marathon, since the officials are changing their computer program for the list of runners.

It should have been done at the beginning of the meeting, but there was an introduction of those at the meeting, since there were a few new people at the meeting.

There was a short discussion about getting a DAREN NODE/PBBS put back on the mountain top in Kanawha County. Terry, KC8AOF, and Duane, N8LDM, said that it should be possible to get it re-installed there.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was some comments on the West Virginia Fone Net, about not using the DAREN system for handling ARRL RADIOGRAMs.

Anna, KC8JWW, asked about the T-Shirts that Ken, KB8QPW, and Ken, WA8LLM were wearing, followed by a short discussion.

Ray, KC8RUJ, ask if there would be a Packet Radio class anytime soon. After a short discussion, it was decided to have a Packet Class at 10:00 am on February 8th at the 911 Center.

Terry, KC8AOF, needed about 100 ink pins and some FRS Radios to take to the 911 conference at Charleston for the week of January 13th.

There was an explanation on how the American Radio Relay League Level One Class can be taken. We think it's possible to buy the Level One book, and challenge the test. There's a possibility the State of West Virginia may be establishing a state recognized ID Card. It's possible to get the card, you will have to have taken, and passed the ARRL Level One Course.

Ray, N8TWV, brought up for discussion the renewing of Amateur Radio licenses over the internet.

For Show-N-Tell, Ken, WA8LLM, brought a battery charging power supply that was made out of a computer power supply.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Paul Brilman KC8UHH/Unit 262, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Dave Stevens, KC8VLJ, Unit 274, Ray Bodie N8TWW/Unit 278, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit

294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Randy Thomas K8KHW, Mike Davis KC8SIP, Pam Davis, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1