

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
June 3, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 26 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 6, 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 said that he still needs to get the weather radio back in working order and put it back on the repeater. He explained how the weather radio can be used when he gets the rest of the weather system put together.

Ken, WA8LLM, has talked to Joe, N8MEV, about the digging of the basement for Base of Operations building. Joe says that he can use about any brand of backhoe, if it has levers on it. Denise, KC8TUF, says that she has talked to Bosley's daughter Kim about getting a backhoe. It's possible that if Bosley has a backhoe available and the weather is dry we may be able to get the basement finished being dug.

Lisa, KB8UER, says there have been no additional names or locations added to Map of Area Amateurs.

Ken, KB8QPW, said the rest of the concrete has been poured at the other tower behind Brian Harper's house. They are ready to put the self supporting tower up. The tower at Network Associates still needs the antenna installed on it. We also need to install a weather proof cabinet on the side of the tower. The cabinet will also house a new Packet station and another Remote Receiver for the 147.255 repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO licenses have been ordered and with any luck should be back by the next meeting. Mike, who is the president of the West Virginia Interstate Fair called to verify that we are going to operate the BINGO games at the fair.

After last month's meeting several people talked about operating Field Day. It was decided to hold Field Day. The location of the Field Day site will be the same location as the Base of Operations building. It will be a little bit of challenge, but that is what Field Day is all about.

Ken, WA8LLM, got a telephone call from the officials of the Triathlon which will be held on July 5, 2003. They wanted to make sure that we are still going to provide the communications.

A representative from Eastwood Fire Department called to make sure that we would have our tables, chairs, and canopies at their Ice Cream Social which would be held on June 7th.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the W5YI testing which would be held on June 14, 2003 would be the last one before the Technician Class Question Pool expires. The present question pool expires on June 31st. The present question pool has 384 questions, the new question pool will have over 500 questions.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after it was voted on to purchase four new Yaesu FT-1500 radios, he called (AES) Amateur Electronic Supply to order the radios. The radios are not on sale at this time so we are going to wait till they come back on sale. If we have to have a radio to go on a frequency that is not installed in the Johnson radio's that are being replaced, we have some personal radios, that we can use while we wait for the FT-1500s to go back on sale.

No one has heard any more information about the Jessica Lynch activity when she gets back home. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

Sam, N8SVX, has found the two Johnson Radios that were left behind when Ryan Sarver, KC8IOG, left the area. He has got one of them tuned up, but he thinks it is acting a little flacky. He is going to go ahead and see if he can find out what might be wrong with it. If he can get it to working properly we will install it in MOBILECOM-1. Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was in Dayton he purchased 13 more 800 mHz radios for \$200, but they are also the wrong type of trunking format. He said that before he tries to sell the radios to get his money back, that he may talk to Tim Miller about renting a channel space on one of his repeaters. There is another idea of building an 800 mHz repeater. There is a couple of things against that and that is the cost of a commercial license, and there needs to be a very good location for an 800 mHz system.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Memorial Day Safety break.

There was a reminder about operating the BINGO games at the Deewalk VFD Ice Cream Social on June 14, 2003.

There was also a reminder about the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run that will be held on June 14th

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the ACORDIA insurance money that is supposed to be reimbursed from the cancelled insurance for MOBILECOM-1. We received a check in the amount of \$300.50 from ACORDIA. ACORDIA was supposed to pay off the rest of the AFCO loan. Ken said that he got a

late payment notice from AFCA because they still haven't received their payment. ACORDIA is supposed to get it all straightened out.

The Artsbridge Festival which was held on May 28th had 12 radio operators on hand. There were no major and only a couple of minor incidents that happened. It turned out to be a good day. Ken, WA8LLM said that he got an idea of building a radio console that could be used for activities.

We were going to put up pictures of the Lloyd and Lea Middleton Dolls at the Safety Break, but we didn't get it done. Maybe we can get it done for the next activity that we have.

The shelter for the August 5th meeting/picnic has been reserved. The shelter is number 9 which is by the horseshoe pits. That will also be the drawing date for the Lloyd and Lea Middleton Dolls.

Judy, N8UFQ, gave a report about the Parkersburg Half Marathon, which will be held on August 16. Nothing much has changed since the last Half Marathon meeting.

There was a reminder of the Lubeck Ice Cream Social will be held on August 9th, and they will need the organization's canopies. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a telephone call from the officials of the Ohio River Sweep. There is a new person, Norma Stephens, that is coordinating the event. She said that she will need some help getting things put together. The event will be held June 21, 2003. There needs to be a couple communications people at each of the locations, the Point Park, 19th Street, and Williams.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Dayton Hamfest, and passed around pictures of the event.

Terry, KC8AOF, said there will be a Table Top exercise on October 13, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy, N8UFQ, announced a birthday party for her son Kendale, on June 21, 2003 at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that Terry, KC8TUE, has been put in the hospital with internal bleeding. They are trying to find out what the cause is.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion about operating as the Net Control Station for the Sunday night WCEC/ARES net. Someone said Cathy, KC8DJJ, did a great job running the net June 1st, when Ken was out of town.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Butler Hamfest which was held on May 31st.

Duane, N8LDM, passed out the official letters to those who have signed up for RACES showing they are registered with Wood County Emergency Services. When the WCEC ID Cards are made up for next year, there will be an indication added to the card indicating RACES registration.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about building a console that will have 3 or 4 radio mounted in it along with a cellphone. All that will be needed is to plug the console onto a 12 volt battery source and hook up the antennas.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dannie Jones KC8VSR, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Jeff Scott KC8EEO, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Boyles, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255,