WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC December 4, 1990

Meeting called to order by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/UNIT 251 President. There were ?? members present.

Minutes from the November 6th meeting were read and approved. The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM\UNIT 251 said he talked to the Mid Ohio Valley Radio Club, and they weren't interested in purchasing a Packet Radio TNC that would be used as an emergency digipeater. Ken said he would figure something out to get the emergency digipeater in operation.

The Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club has changed their minds about holding their Hamfest at the National Guard Armory since it isn't available. They are going to hold it at the Wood County Fair Grounds.

Work is progressing on the Packet Radio Database, ARES/Data, system. When completed and in operation you will be able to search for victims of disaster, when another operator puts the information into it.

Ken WA8LLM/UNIT 251 and Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 gave a report on the regional communications meeting was held November 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 said there would be another Skywarn Weather class coming in March. The class would be held March 15th at 7:30 pm at the Worthington Golf Course Ball Room.

Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251 said he has been ask to have the Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club help provide the communications again next year for the March of Dimes Walk-America. The walk is scheduled for April 28th. Coordinators are planning to have the walk in the downtown area of Parkersburg.

A Plaque for Leo WA8BMA was discussed. Ron KC8IQS has got the plaque, but he wasn't at the meeting. Ron was going to pay for the plaque and was going to be reimbursed for it. Ken will try to get the plaque at the next meeting.

A discussion about repairing the batteries and re-installing them at the Sand Hill tower site commenced. It was also discussed about putting heat tapes on the batteries to keep them from freezing and cracking. The placing of the batteries in a plastic pan might keep acid from running on the floor in case of a crack.

A discussion about using some of the remote receivers as a back-up repeater in case the repeater was to go off the air commenced. It looks like the new 147.255 Mhz repeater won't be on the air by August 1st. The storms have put us behind.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE testing will be August 8th at the Eastwood Fire Station 6:00 pm registration, 6:30 pm testing.

Membership applications were handed out to those who were interested in joining the organization. Harold KC8JHG, Jeannia KC8JHF, and Tim KC8JHE filled out membership applications.

The power supply was taken off of the weather transmitter and put on the batteries at Sand Hill. The power supply that was on Mobilcom-1 burnt up and the batteries were going dead. It was discussed about getting a new 30 amp power supply for Mobilcom-1 and a 45 amp power supply for the weather transmitter. All agreed to purchase whatever was needed to get things back in operation.

It was discussed about repairing the valves on the coffee and orange drink urns that are used at the safety breaks. Harold KC8JHG said he would look into trying to find repair parts.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Chad Lynch KC8JHH/Unit 282, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267 quests Harold KC8JHG, Jeannia KC8JHF, Tim KC8JHE.