

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 6, 1998

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 9 members and three guests present.

Minutes from the September 1st meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Copies of the By-Laws were passed out and a few minor corrections were noted. It was mentioned there should be something in the By-Laws about a six month probation period. Ken WA8LLM said that at one time there was a six month probation period, but transferring from a hard paper copy to computer and making other changes the probation period was left off, he said he would look for an old copy and make the corrections.

The new 147.255 repeater, which is still under construction, has been moved to a new location.

It was discussed about dropping the perusing of insurance since we are a volunteer nonprofit organization and rely on the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.

The maps for the hospital locations can now be worked on again since the construction is being completed on the hospitals. Sam N8SVX is going to talk to Donna at Marietta Memorial Hospital about putting antennas for packet and voice on the building. If they don't want to purchase the antennas, but will let us install them, we will purchase them.

Nothing has been heard back from the Department of High Ways about the next three Safety Break, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.

The three scanners which will be used for auxiliary receivers have been purchased and are in Mobilcom-1. They have not been installed yet due to so many other activities, but they are in the vehicle.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on Volcano Days BINGO.

The 150 plus chairs have been repaired and re-painted. The LOGO that

we use on the chairs has also been re-painted. Most of the chairs didn't get the bottom of the seats painted because we didn't have a new stencil to put the names back on them. However, some of the chairs had to be painted on the bottom. The chairs will be repaired and re-painted as needed to keep them in top shape.

Sam gave a report on the batteries that will be going to the Summit Tower site. He said the batteries are ordered, but haven't been picked up yet, they may still be at Audio Crafter, a subsidiary of Miller Communications.

Jim Rose who works for Camden Clark Hospital and has reserved the meeting room at the hospital has been asked to see if food can be brought in for the Christmas Dinner. He will let us know if it will be alright. The Christmas Dinner is planning to be held December 1st in lei of the business meeting.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Hospital Disaster drill held September 22nd. The hospitals were satisfied with the communications. The only thing they saw that could be improved was the sending of messages to "ALL" when answering a request for information or equipment. Ken suggested that we set up procedures when operating through the "FINDER" system.

There was a short discussion about the UHF Walkie-Talkies that can be used for on scene and "SPOTTER" communications. Nothing has been decided yet about purchasing them. We still need to look around for some. They need to be easily field programmable. The H/T's also need to be able to operate on the Amateur Bands. It is possible that we may purchase some H/Ts that are not on Amateur Bands for the non-amateurs that will work with us from time-to-time.

The new Ten-Tec 555 Scout was brought to the meeting for those who didn't get to see the first one at Field Day.

The new checks with our PO Box have arrived and the old ones with the 1810 Staunton Ave address have been destroyed.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Smoot One Mile races, there was a little rain at the first of the race, but cleared up as the morning went on. The radios were used to set the timer's clocks for each race.

He said the officials at the races are relying on Wood County Emergency Communications more and more at these races.

Ken WA8LLM also gave a report on the Williamstown Cross Country races. Anna KC8JWW has come up with a little goodie bag with an assorted number of items such as a Rain Poncho, plastic bags to cover your radio, Safety Pins, a Clothes Pin, etc. Sam N8SVX suggested that we could put together laminated paper with grease pencils.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Lubeck Fun Run. The officials were very well organized by having maps with all intersections laid out with the name, unit numbers, and call signs posted on it.

Ken WA8LLM reported the weather transmitter is back on the air, but it's not up to full power of 100 watts since the receiver is located on the same property as the transmitter and receives interference from it.

A four page list of inventoried equipment was pasted around. All of the equipment hasn't been put on the list yet. This is just what was found through the receipts, checkbooks, and newsletters. A copy of a letter which was sent to the Wood County Commissioners was read and pasted around. The letter was asking to retrieve communications equipment which was purchased and installed by WCEC at the Wood County Emergency Operations Center.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The reason that Ken KB8QPW wasn't at the meeting was that his Mother-in-Law passed away yesterday (October 5th). The group is going to send flowers, but an account needs to be set up. Ken WA8LLM will call Obermeyer's Florist tomorrow, open an account, and send the flowers.

At the Wheeling Hamfest mobile Fiberglass antennas for 75 and 40 meters were purchased and will be installed on Mobilcom-1.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the Walk in the City Park which will be held October 17th. He figures they will want about 7 radio operators. A list of operators needs to be put together.

Ken WA8LLM said the Williamstown Cross County races will be held again October 31 and we will need a couple more radio operators.

The Fall School Boy Regatta will be held October 24th. There is a need for 6 or 7 radio operators.

Bob KB8RNE brought up for discussion about Mobilcom-1 and when it might be ready to be painted.

A short discussion was held on the updating of the By-Laws.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the fire at Cytec on September 20th and how WCEC should have activated to provide communications. There was a report that 150 persons may have been contaminated.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ron Hinton KC8IQS/Unit 281, Barb Hinton Unit 954, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ted Jacobson W8KVK, Ray Bodie N8TWV, Kirk Greenfield KC8JRV WTAP TV News