

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 2, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members present.

Minutes from the January 5th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Changes to the By-Laws were discussed. To determine which members would be classified as Regular members and those as Auxiliary members, it was decided to establish a point system similar to the one used when there was a Wood County RACES. A sample copy of the points was passed out for all to look over. Additional activities were added to the list. The system basically is one point per hour for attending meetings, drill, work parties, and fund raising activities, with a minimum of 125 points per year to stay a Regular member. Also members will be required to sign an Authorization Release Form to allow the Membership Review Board permission to obtain a Back Ground Check on prospective members who might be of an undesirable nature. It was suggested that the Trustees of the organization be the Membership Review Board.

Ken WA8LLM gave report on the new 147.255 Mhz repeater. Connectors for use on the Remote Receivers were finally located and the printed circuit boards will start to be assembled.

Maps for the hospital locations were talked about. It was suggested they be tabled until the construction at the hospitals is completed and the Command Posts are identified.

Sam N8SVX says he hasn't done anything with the GMRS License yet. He explained there's a possibility that a number of UHF Handie/Talkies may be acquired from a local plant. It was discussed that batteries be purchased for the Handie/Talkies which Don N8NUS has available. Sam and Don are to get together and purchase the batteries.

Ken KB8QPW says he may be able to sale the six High Band Handie/Talkies that were donated to the organization, but have never been put into operation yet.

ARES/Data system is still not in operation, enough time hasn't been set aside to work on it.

Sam N8SVX says he's not for sure if the Batteries at the Summit tower site are being used yet. We still haven't received a bill for the purchasing of them.

Nothing has been located for a base of operations for the organization. Ken WA8LLM explained what was talked about at the last month's meeting with reference to the community building on Laruel Creek Road. It was discussed about erecting a building on the property of the Shilo Community building that would be used as a base of operations. The building would also be used for the community and their activities.

Sam N8SVX gave a report on the antenna on Quincy Hill. Nothing has been done about the antenna for the 147.255 Mhz Remote Receiver yet. The only antenna that we will have to purchase and have installed is

the UHF Link antenna. The UHF antenna has to be installed by a commercial business using stainless steel hardware and other such particulars. There's no need to purchase a Two meter antenna since the Remote receiver will be sharing a High Band antenna with other users. Ken WA8LLM says it will cost some where between \$400 to \$700 dollars to get it installed. Sam N8SVX said there may be a UHF Amateur Repeater installed on the tower some time in the future, but doesn't know any of the details.

Ken WA8LLM said he would like to have a Trustees meeting sometime. He said that if the Trustees would like to have the meeting and look over the records that would be fine. He will leave it up to the Trustees. Ken said that checks has been written to about every one in the organization, but there are receipts to explain what the checks were for and not just for personal reasons.

The Packet and Voice stations have been purchased and installed in the Concession Trailer. The radios are Alinco DR-140s and the TNC is a

Kantronics KPC-3 Plus. The reason for the same type radios, for both Voice and Packet stations, is the extra microphone from the Packet station, we now have a spare microphone.

The Safety Break letters have been sent to the Department of Highways.

Bob KB8RNE gave a report on the painting of Mobilcom-1. He said that a lot of the body shops in the area don't have a big enough building to put the vehicle in. Most of the ones that he talked to said they need to see the vehicle before that can give any estimate on the cost of painting it, followed by a discussion. We will have to wait till better weather when we can take it off the hill. In the mean time we can take pictures of it and ask around about prices.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM said he went to the first Parkersburg Half Marathon meeting January 21st and the Half Marathon is scheduled for August 21st. The committee says they want the communications as in the past. They may not have the scaffolding at the finish line like they used in the past, so who ever announces the names of the runners will have to be located somewhere else. We need to start getting the names and T-shirt sizes put together.

A letter has been written to Ed Jordan asking to play the BINGO games at the Parkersburg Homecoming.

We have already got the Safety Break for Easter and the schedule is already starting to fill up.

I was discussed about getting the reporting period changed on our Tax Exempt status date to another part of the year, since we are supposed to have spent all of the money for that fiscal year. It was decided to leave it the same until we are told by the government that it should be changed, followed by a discussion.

Bob KB8RNE brought up for discussion about the Kerosine Heater in the concession trailer. There was a short discussion on the proper operation of the Kerosine Heater. Don N8NUS says that the wick should be "burnt off" after each safety break. It was suggested that we keep a closer look at how the heater works and make sure it is safe.

Bob KB8RNE also brought up about getting a copy machine for the

organization. We had talked about it before but never got one. Ken WA8LLM said that he had purchased one with the intentions of letting the organization reimburse him. He said the machine was not as good as he thought it should be since it doesn't make copies as dark as he would like. It was decided to have further discussion about the copy machine a future meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Jack Hyson Unit 955, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262,