

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
February 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at about 7.00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 15 members and one guest present.

Minutes from the January 2, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said he is still engineering the control shelf on the new 147.255 repeater. Since he's cleaned his garage and has heat in it, he may take the repeater to his house so he has access to a 12 volt power source and try to bring it to life.

There was nothing to report on the GMRS and Business Radio Licenses, since Sam, N8SVX, wasn't at the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Joe, N8MEV, is supposed to come to his house to make some measurements on MOBILCOM-1. Joe says that we need to clean off all the Silicon around the windows and any place that's it not needed. He says that paint will not stick to it. Joe says that his friend will let us use the building as long as we pay his gas bill for as long as we have it in his garage. Joe says when the weather gets good enough to make it up to Ken's house, he will go make the measurements.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he has the clock printed circuit boards ready and will start drilling the holes. He would like to have some of the boards drilled before the next meeting. He said that he would let every one know when we can meet to start etching the boards. We will probably meet at the telephone company.

Mike, KC8JWR, says he called about the piece of property that is supposed to be on a hill and near a major highway. The property is located in Wirt County and they are wanting 10,000 dollars. Since it's not in Wood County and the price is out of our range, we thought we would pass on it. There was concern about the cellular site affecting radio operations, but since cellular is on 800 Megahertz there would be no problem. It was discussed that we could still have a base of operations in a remote location, and still have our business meetings at a central location, that is easy to get to. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, says we are not in any rush to get the banners for Field Day, but we could start designing what we want them to look like. We

don't want to wait till the last minute. Lisa, KB8UER, says that we are going to have Field Day and it will be at the same location at Mountwood Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that all of the chairs that need to be painted have been moved to his garage where it's warm. Mike, KC8WJR and Cathy, KC8DJJ have started wire brushing them down.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that Ray, N8TWV, gave him another copy of a county map that can be used to help put together a map to locate all Hams in Wood County that are active in Amateur Radio. The designing of the map is still on the drawing board.

John, KB8ZPZ, wasn't at the meeting so we don't know how he's coming along on the WCEC Web Site. Ken, KB8QPW, says that he has talked to Brian Harper, of Network Associates, and says that he wants 25 dollars a month to have a web site. Don, N8NUS talked about an organization that has their web site under Parkersburg South High School. It was discussed about getting a site under someone like one of the High Schools or WVUP. Don said he would work with John on getting a web site put together. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, and Mike, KC8JWR, brought a copy of a hardship form they put together. It has all the information that should be needed. Ken, WA8LLM, went to the Federal Building and talked to them about how it could be taken care of. The IRS said there is no IRS form like what we need. They said that we could make our own form because it will be for our own records. It was discussed about limiting the amount we would give to 25 dollars, if the form is filled out completely. All the information on the form would be filled out by a WCEC member, and signed by the recipient. All information such as Name, Social Security Number, Driver License Number, Date of Birth, Etc., would be taken off of a valid Driver license.

Ken, WA8LLM, says all the Safety Break letters have been sent to the Department of Highways, we just have to wait and see which ones we get. One of the Safety Breaks may be as long as six days. It was followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, has already started putting together the year 2001 activity list.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that he has put the new Washington County, Ohio EMA

Director, Jeff Lauer, on the WCEC Newsletter mailing list. Don, N8NUS, says he has talked to the Jeff, and Don's name is still on Washington County communications membership list. Don said there will be a meeting set up with the Jeff once he figures out what all is involved with the new job. We will be taking MOBILCOM-1 to the meeting when it happens.

W5YI testing February 10, 2001 at Easy Rider Bus garage, 6:00 pm.

There was a discussion about training classes, such as CPR, Hazmat, First Aid. Aaron, N8NVQ, says that Terry, KC8AOF, is willing to teach a class on hazmat. Don, N8NUS, and Darren, KC8NVS, will be willing to teach CPR and First Aid. They will set up a date, time, and location of a CPR class. The class should be held before the next meeting. It was discussed about having a Training Officer to set up the training classes. It was discussed about having a CPR class on February 24. They just have to find a location. The class will only be about two hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Wirt County LEPC has asked WCEC to a part of a Table Top disaster drill that is being planned for May 3. This drill will be followed later by a full scale drill. Ken, WA8LLM, will be attending the LEPC meeting in preparation for the drill.

Athens County, Ohio disaster drill will be held May 12. Bill Arnott, WD8BBW has asked WCEC to be a part of that drill.

Ken, WA8LLM, displayed different kinds of "Emergency Communication Help Available Here" signs. These are signs that could be displayed in a

public access location where a temporary emergency communication reporting station is set up. A short discussion followed as to the wording and color of the signs.

The price for Volunteer Examinations has been raised from \$6.65 to \$10.00. Harold, KC8JHG, made a motion that WCEC pay 50 percent of the examination fee for any members of WCEC that takes a new or upgrade examination, and any retakes, seconded by Don, N8NUS, motion carried. Dana, WV8G, Contact Volunteer Examiner suggested that anyone retaking a test at the same test session would only pay the \$6.00 which goes to the W5YI Examining Group. This might be an incentive to get new members in WCEC and allow members to upgrade their license.

A short message handling class was held. Additional message handling information may be talked about at the next business meeting.

Ken, KB8QPW, talked about scheduling and planning for the Christmas party for 2001. The dinner will be held December 4. He will start looking for a location that can be reserved. Also there was a short discussion about the WCEC Picnic that will be held on the August business meeting at shelter #9 at the Parkersburg City Park. The shelter still needs to be reserved.

Bob, KB8RNE, inquired about the intermod on the repeater. It was explained the intermod SHOULD be gone when the new repeater gets put into service. The Remote receivers that are in use now are not designed to be used the way we are using them.

Ray, N8TWV, talked about an E-Group, followed by a short discussion of computers, viruses, and etc.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Mary Smith Unit 265, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Guest was Darren Johnson KC8NVS/Unit 1222 who signed up as a member