

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 5, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 21 members and guests present.

Minutes from the October 1, 2002 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 system. He said that he determined that it wasn't the Rockport Receiver that was causing the repeater to keep keying up. He found that it was one of the Link Receivers that was receiving a steady signal that was five kHz away from the receiver input. He changed the receive crystal from 433.150 to 433.125 mHz. He said that he also changed the way the adjustment pots on the voter were mounted so that he could adjust the audio levels from the front of the unit without having to unplug the unit, make an adjustment, then plug it back in. After that was all done, he and Ken, KB8QPW, transmitted touchtone signals over the air so the Link Receiver audio levels could be equal going into the voter. He is also using one of the old Remote Receivers that used to be used on the Repeater. He took the Link Receiver that was at his house to the Ritchie County site. After he re-installed the Ritchie County Remote Receiver, he found there was very little power coming out of the Link Transmitter. He changed the Link Transmitter frequency to one that had a path back to the Repeater. He also re-installed the St. Marys Remote Receiver, but had to go back to St. Marys to take it off because of the noise it was making. He's also building the new Link Receivers out of the Walkie-Talkies that were purchased from Miller Communications in March or April 1998.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that rain hasn't stopped for some time and the ground hasn't had time to dry out, so there hasn't been anything done at the Base of Operation site. Al, N8UBG, said that it would probably be Spring before anything can be done. It was decided to hold off until Spring, unless something happens before that.

There was no report on the Map of Area Amateurs since Lisa, KB8UER, wasn't at the meeting due to working at the election polls.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Website. He says that he can now build links to other Websites. He has put links to several other Websites such as Meigs County, Ohio RACES, QRZ Callsign Database, Wood County 911 Center, LEPC for Wood County, West Virginia ARRL Section Home Page. The ARES Page has been built. He has the Wood County ARES

Plan, folders for 2000, 2001 ARES Bulletins, and an index for the bulletins back to 1991. He said that he stumbled onto about 10 pictures of inside of MOBILECOM-1 on the site that he didn't know was there, so he put a link to them. He says he now has all the 2002 DAREN News on the Website.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Federal Surplus equipment at Dunbar. He still has to get with the County Commission with a letter asking to have a resolution to have WCEC as a part of the county. He needs to write the letter in a way that will let us be a part of the county, but not be obligated to the point that we will have to jump every time they have some simple little thing to do. We would probably do the job anyway, but we don't want to be called out every day, just to stand by in case of an emergency, like some organizations have to do.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report on the High School State Championship Cross County races at Mineral Wells. He said that there were only a couple of medical incidents that required having communications call for the ambulance. He said that WCEC communications got mentioned in the booklet that was printed for the activities that day. Ken, WA8LLM, said that WCEC was also mentioned in the 5K Pepsi Trail Race booklet. Being mentioned at these events is something we usually don't get.

Ray, KC8RUJ, gave a report on his activity at Selby General Hospital at the six county disaster drill. He and Brad, KC8TYU, were told where to set up their equipment and then forgot about them. Ken, WA8LLM, said the same thing happened at Marietta Memorial. One of the members of the JEM organization, working with Marietta Memorial, said that since the hospitals have their 800 MHz radio system in operation, they should now phase out Amateur Radio communications between the hospitals. Ken, KB8QPW, said that he and Denise, KC8TUF, had a little bit of activity at Camdem Clark. Mike, KC8JWR, said that he and Don, N8NUS, were quite busy at St. Josephs Hospital since they had to be in two locations to have reliable paths for the packet and voice. Aaron, N8NVQ, was welcomed with open arms at the Sistersville Hospital, even though they didn't know that he was coming, but he couldn't get a good packet path back to the FINDER system. A couple of days after the drill the Tyler County Amateur Radio Organization moved their 145.01 MHz Packet Node, TYLER, over to 145.69 MHz and changed the ALIAS to TYLEWV. They wanted to keep the PBBS the same as it was, TCARO.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Lubeck Fun Run. He said there was a about 45 people that showed up for the run.

Ken, WA8LLM, also gave a report on the Fire Power 2002. We had a few people come over a take a tour of MOBILECOM-1.

There was a reminder of W5YI testing on December 14, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we have confirmation that we do have the Safety Break over the Christmas holiday. He passed around the schedule for all to look at and fill in any shifts. Terry, KC8AOF, wanted to know to what happened to December 23rd on the schedule since it went from December 22nd to the 25th without the 23rd.

Ken, KB8QPW, said the covered dish Christmas Dinner will be held at the December business meeting. He said that he will start making telephone calls in the next few days to find out what everyone is going to bring to the dinner.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Paul Brilman KC8UHH/Unit 262, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Krista Mills, Tricia Magyarosi, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Danni Jones, Scott Jones, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268