



## January 19, 2008 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) January 19, 2008 convention planning meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN, at the Hickory House Restaurant, Rt. 19 and Jackson's Mill Road, Weston, WV 26452, followed by the introduction of members and guest.

**Minutes:** Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting minutes which were reviewed, with (call) correction and accepted as corrected.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, no change with Total Assets of \$7,200.85.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Keynote Speakers:** Rich, K8VE, confirms Gordon West, WB6NOA, Bill Cross, W3TN, Riley Hollingsworth, K4RDH and Dr. David Boyd from Inter-Operability Homeland Security. Rich reports Gordon will be in early and plans are to visit the Green Bank Observatory with a tour from Gary Anderson, W8IVF.

**Proclamation (Amateur Radio Operators Appreciation Week):** Joe, WV8WVU, reports he has contacted the Governor's office working on "Opening Comments and possible presentation of Proclamation. Joe will update at the next meeting.

**Special Event Station (W8V):** Dick, K8TPH, reports he has toured the Mill grounds, and a good set-up would be at the Mills 1<sup>st</sup> Gate in the grassy area. Dick reports the QSL cards and certificates will be sent after the event. Advertisements in the QST, W8WVA site and will check CQ. More update at next meeting. Joe indicates if no emergency, the State Emergency Response Vehicle will be available. Rich reports the Upshur County vehicle will be available.

**Talk-In Station:** Dick, K8TPH, confirms there are plans to include in the Special Event location, a set-up for Talk-In Station.

**WV Club Emergency Communication Contest On-Site at 2008 Convention at Jackson's Mill:** Dirk, WD8PAD, distributed a copy of the proposed Guidelines for the contest which he will send to all of the WV Clubs with the monetary incentives. Discussion of locating near the entrance to the Mill.

**Vendors:** No confirmations at this time.

**Ticket Sales:** Bob, WA8YCD, will contact Monongalia Wireless Club to handle ticket sales.

**Prizes:** Rich, K8VE, will check for prizes at Dayton Hamvention.

**Club Insurance through WVSARC:** Discussion of having WV Clubs contract under one umbrella with an insurance agency for liability and equipment. No action at this time. Bill, WA8YCG, will talk with insurance agent to research the process, requirements and cost. Bill to report at next meeting.

**Education & Training Fund (E&T Fund):** Rich, K8VE, indicates the intent of the fund was to use as needed.

**Banners:** Joe, WD8EOG, sent with Bob, WA8YCD, a sample of a banner with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display and sample text area. The height of banner could be four (4) or six (6) feet and length as desired. It was moved by Frank, WD8DEP, seconded by Hal, N8FXH and approved to purchase two (2) banners. Bob has the information and changes for the banners.

**Booster Page:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will send solicitation letters to the WV Clubs in late spring.

**VE Exams:** Rich, K8VE, reports the Elkins team will coordinate the VE Exams.

**WV QSO Party:** Rich, K8VE, reports he will coordinate the event. Rich has the 2008 Rules completed. Dan, K8WV, indicated there needs to be a review of how the W8WVA call is used in mobile settings prior to the event on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Souvenirs:** Bob, WA8YCD, presented examples of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Decal at the cost of 80 cents each. Bob also indicated that a Pin could be made with the same information for approximately \$1.00 each for 300. It was moved by Hal, N8FXH, seconded by Mike, KC8FWD, and approved to purchase 300 pins.

**IRS Notification:** Dirk, WD8PAD, reports he has signed up on-line with the IRS and the report (Form 990) is due three (3) months after the beginning of the fiscal year.

**Magazine Advertisement:**

Patrick, N8MIN, reports he has contacted World Radio with cost out of range; the cost of SERA will be \$180.00 for full page and E-Ham banner-link cost is \$120.00. It was moved by Hal, N8FXH, seconded by Rich and approved to purchase a SERA ad.

**NEWS BUSINESS**

**Sarnoff Citation:**

Rich, K8VE, suggest that some type of recognition be given to Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke Division Director at the Mill for his receiving of this award. The award is given to recognize significant contributions to the advancement of electronic communications. Discussion at next meeting.

**ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC):**

Bob, W8GU, reports the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association (SJARA) club has reinstated as an Affiliated Club. Dick, K8TPH, SJARA, reports that as a result of the renewal, the clubs has received a donation of equipment and tower from L. T. McCollum, KG2KP of Mannington, WV. KG2KP is moving, and needing to dispose of the equipment, searched the ARRL WV Club site, choosing the SJARA to receive the equipment.

**Bylaws Proposed Change:** The proposed revision was presented for review and discussion. Discussion of review indicated the By-Laws Section 4 Treasurer addresses “annual summary of cash receipts and disbursements for presentation to and for approval by the Council at the first meeting of each calendar year”, and with the proposed submission of the 501(C) 3, the By-Laws would need an overview for appropriate changes. Dirk, WD8PAD, withdrew his proposed By-Law change.

**Demonstrations at the Mill:** Patrick, N8MIN, reports Great Lakes Radio Distributors plan to have demo at Mill, as does the WV Wesleyan Radio Club.

**Mill Schedule:** Bob, WA8YCD, is to coordinate the development of the schedule for two (2) day event. Discussion and recommendation that Ann, KA8ZGY, contact Ed Hare, W1RFI for ARRL presentation related to “Software Defined Radio”.

**Concession:** Patrick, N8MIN, will discuss concessions with Mill management and additional meals.

**Charleston Hamfest Booklet Advertisement:**

Patrick, N8MIN, will review/revise flyer and send to Jim, N8TMW for the exchange Booklet Ad.

**NEXT WVSARC MEETING: 1:00 PM – Saturday, March 8, 2008, Hickory House, Weston, WV. (Route US 19 and Jackson’s Mill Intersection)**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

(Attendance 17) - N8MIN, WD8PAD, N8SWL, WD8DEP, KC8JKL, WA8YCD, WA8YCG, KC8FWD, N8FXH, K8TPH; K8VE, K8WV, WV8WVU, W8GU, WV3WLC, KD8HEG, KA8ZGY.

**L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC Secretary**