



## January 24, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) January 24, 2009 ARRL WV 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.

**SK "Moment of Silence"** held for Don Lemley, W8DL, ARRL WV Section OOC & TC; Bill Jacobs, WA8YCG, John Richards, KB8YZY and others.

**Minutes:** Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY distributed copies of the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting minutes which were reviewed and accepted as presented.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, absent – no report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ticket Sales:** Discussion related to where to sell ticket tabled to next meeting. No further action.

**Special Event Station :** Tabled to next meeting – need volunteers to provide/man station.

**Talk-In Station:** Tabled to next meeting – need volunteers to provide/man station.

**Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony:** Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she has sent a request to ARRL HQ regarding the possibility of developing/ordering a pin/pendent/coin with the ROWH logo for distribution to members who have participated in the Wouff Hong Ceremony, Awaiting response from ARRL HQ.

**WV Club EmComm Contest:** Discussion related to little response, suggesting other contests, i.e. Photo Contest related to Mill functions or CW Contest. Bring suggestions to next meeting.

**2008 Mill Event VIDEO:** Patrick, N8MIN, will send to those requesting CD's.

**Key Note Speaker:** Ann, KA8ZGY contacted Dennis, W4PWF, ARRL Roanoke Division Director regarding the ARRL President attending, but unavailable. Other suggestions would be representative from LDG, Ten Tec or FCC. Rich, K8VE will contact those suggested.

**ARRL Convention Application** – Patrick, N8MIN, reports he has received confirmation for the convention on August 22 & 23, 2009. This will be a **ONE DAY EVENT** for August 22, 2009.

**Pig Roast:** Discussion of having a Pig Roast for 2009 with recommendations that there will be a fee. Patrick will research more that one possible vendor for Pig Roast. Discussion with decision to have Pig Roast as the Dinner meal.

**Photographer:** Discussion with recommendation of having a photographer moving through the grounds taking picture of different activities. Need to provide a "Want List" of specific photo to be taken. Suggestion to contacting High School Photography Club, Boy Scouts or 4H Group to volunteer for a service project or a small fee.

**Vendors:** Patrick, N8MIN, reports that all vendors seemed satisfied with the event. No contact to date.

**WV QSO Party:** Rich, K8VE, reports he is giving up the coordination of the event and asking for someone or group to take this and indicates that Jeff Wood, KZ8E has shown interest. Rich indicates he has set in motion all preliminary activities needed to start the event. The event will occur on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Other activities for the event include review of Logs/Scores; plaques; certificates.

**2008 Cal Basham, W8NR, ARES SET Award** – Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she is aware of at least two (2) group participant and may be others. Will need to wait for QST publication for WV participants.

**Field Day (FD) Award Rules:** A compliant was received through the WVSARC website related to the scoring of FD participants. The members present review the FD Award Rules (Originals with revisions through August 26, 2000). Over the years the scoring was reviewed, as well as the participation factors with revisions made, and it is felt that no further action is needed at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ARRL WV Vacant Positions** – Ann, KA8ZGY, ARRL WV SM reports as Don Lemley, W8DL, is a SK, this opens two (2) ARRL WV Section Positions (Official Observer Coordinator and Technical Coordinator. Ann asks the members provide to her possible candidates for the two positions and suggest review of Position Descriptions on the ARRL website. Concerns expressed related to OO Advisory Cards being sent for possible one infraction which may call for clarification of use of OO Advisory cards.

**Fox Hunt** – Discussion with no action at this time.

**Satellite Demo** – Discussion with no action at this time.

**Balloon/TV Demo** – Discussion related to cost of helium. Bob, WA8YCD, suggest possibly Fairmont State College, as they do this. No action at this time.

**Huntington Antique Radio Museum** – Rick, K8VE, will contact Garry Ritchie, W8OI and Arnold Sayre, W8WVM, as to possible demo of ‘Old Spark Gap’ communications.

**DX Forum** – Patrick, N8MIN, reports he has contacted Garry Richie, W8OI and he will provide Forum.

**Election of Officers @ August Mill Meeting** – Patrick, N8MIN, indicated he will not be a candidate this year. No other action taken.

**Mill Schedule** – Rick, K8VE, will have a “draft schedule” at the next meeting.

**ARRL Representative** – Discussion with recommendation to invite Ed Hare, W1RFI as representative.

**WCSARC Pins** – Bob, WA8YCD will follow up for revisions and cost, reporting at next meeting. Joe, WV8WVU, reports the Kanawha Amateur Radio Club will be celebrating 60 years and looking for information on purchasing pins.

**501 (C) 3 Designation:** Joe, WV8WVU, reports moving forward slowly.

**NEXT WVSARC MEETING:** Saturday, April 18th, 2009, Hickory House, Weston, WV.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

(Attendance 9) – N8MIN, KA8ZGY, WV8WVU, WV3WLC, K8TPH, WA8YCD, K8VE, N8FXH, WD8EOM.

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