



## February 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) February 12, 2011, ARRL 2011 WV Convention Planning meeting was called to order at about 10:30 AM by President, Bob West, WA8YCD, at the Plateau Hamfest, Lewis Community Center, 469 Central Ave., Oak Hill, WV 25901.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY distributed copies of the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 ARRL WV State Convention meeting minutes which were reviewed and accepted.

Treasury Report: Bob, WA8YCD, reported checking account balance the same as last meeting, \$6,596.36.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ticket Sales: Joe, WD8EOG, reports adequate supply of Blue Tickets admission. Plan to sell the Extra tickets using the same mix for selling (3/\$5) (7/\$10) (15/\$20) as last year. Discussion of sale of tickets at gate with no decision.

WV QSO Party: Jeff, KZ8E, reports 2011 rules will be out next week but actually no change and these will be posted on the WVSARC webpage <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>. Event will be June 18th, 2011. All certificated have been mailed. Patrick, N8NIM, continues to work on a WV QSO Party logging program, which will be a Window base file.

Major Prizes: Discussion with confirmation to continue with same group as last year. Patrick, N8MIN, reports from Rich, K8VE, the purchases will be from Universal. It was indicated the change in quantity vs. quality appeared to help the ticket sales. 2011 will have similar prizes.

Reservations (Room/Meal): Bob, WA8YCD, reports no information from the Mill, he will contact Karen. Ann, KA8ZGY, will send on room/meal registration letters/forms to current list. She will announce on nets and publicize on the website.

Concessions: Bob WA8YCD, reports the Mill may not allow this in the future. Discussion with suggestion of us of outside sources as Hickory House or Fire Dept.. Bob will check with the Mill, and updates to follow at next meeting.

Key Note Speaker: Discussion with recommendation of Steve Ford, WB8IM, ARRL HQ. Ann, KA8ZGY, ARRL SM WV will contact ARRL HQ and Roanoke Division Director, Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, requesting Steve as speaker.

Technical Forum: Discussion with recommendation to ask Jim Wilcox, W3WV, if time permits or possible another balloon launch. No final decision at this time.

Talk-In Station: Dirk, WD8PAD, and Patrick, N8MIN, reported they will monitor the repeater this year.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Bob, WA8YCD, reported for 2010, only one request. Discussion related to holding the event again in 2011 but have some early announcement of the Ceremony. It was recommended that Ann, KA8ZGY as ARRL WV SM, send a email to all current ARRL members soliciting early registration and the possible of have the event during the day. Early Registration would be by reply to the email. Joe, WD8EOG, would send a follow up letter when he sends the nomination solicitation letter related to the WV Amateur of the Year.

Photographer: Bob, WA8YCD, again thanked Greg, N8XAQ, for filming the events during the day, and into the evening Auction. It was recommended that Greg be ask to photograph for 2011. Others attending are asked to submit pictures to Bob and Ann via email.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Joe, WS8EOG, shared concerns the nomination requirements are not being followed suggesting the need to tweak. Discussion with recommendation for Joe to tweak the requirements and provide a template to use in the letter being sent to the WV Amateur Radio clubs.

501 (C) 3 Designation: Discussion regarding the need to continue with the process. It was moved by Patrick, N8MIN, seconded by Jeff, KZ8E, and approved to discontinue the pursuit of the 501 (C) 3 Designation.

Skywarn: Bob, WA8YCD, reports there has been a change in personnel at the NWS which has caused some delay with support at the Convention. Bob will attempt to solicit support for at least a table this year.

Demonstration Presentations: Bob, WA8YCD, suggest that clubs sent up demo's in the Flea Market Area. Discussion of a balloon launch with another sponsor, and Bob will contact Fairmont College to possibly provide a program.

VE Exams: Bob, WA8YCD, will confirm the Mountain State VE Team to hold exams again this year.

Schedule: Discussion with decision to place the schedule on the website in early August so as not to cause confusion if changes are needed. Ann, KA8ZGY, reports need to have the ARES and Net meeting early and could change time to 45 minutes for each session.

Hourly Prizes: Bob, WA8YCD, indicates he has some remaining prizes and will bring to 2011 convention. Suggest to inventory and bundle to make more acceptable.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### NEXT MEETING: TBA

Bob, WA8YCD, will contact the Hickory House, Weston, WV to confirm the Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 date. .

There being no other business, it was moved by Patrick, N8MIN, seconded by Rich, K8VE, and approved the meeting be adjourned.

(Attendance10 – WA8YCD, WD8EOG, KA8ZGY, N8MIN, KZ8E, K8UKY, WD8EOM, WB8PJC, K8VE, N8UGK

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