

WEST VIRGINIA STATE AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL, Inc.

Convention Planning Meeting

February 21, 2004

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) February 21, 2004 meeting was called to order by President Mac McMillian, W8XF, at the Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, Weston, WV, followed by the introduction of amateurs. Mac thanked all those for attending the meeting and noted that an additional Business/Planning meeting will be held at the Charleston Hamfest on March 20, 2004.

ARRL Convention Application: *Mac, W8XF, reports that he has received a letter from ARRL indicating the approval of the WVSARC request to hold the WV State ARRL Convention on August 28 & 29, 2004 at Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV.*

Minutes: *Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the October 11, 2003 meeting minutes that were reviewed, and corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.*

NEW BUSINESS

Jackson Mill Contract: *Jack, K8WMX, reviewed the proposed contract indicating weekend room/dining package costs were basically the same; request for WV Building (\$400.00) and Pavilion (\$200.00) for one day; all Lodge basement rooms at no cost, and camping spaces (\$15.00) per day. Discussion regarding the need to have the WV Building available for the midnight Wouff Hong Ceremony Saturday evening, and moving the Auction back to the basement of the Lodge.*

Action: *Jack, K8WMX, is asked to proceed with confirming contract with Jackson Mill, and confirm availability of the WV Building for the midnight Wouff Hong Ceremony.*

WVSARC Blue Shirts: *Jack, K8WMX, and other members were wearing blue shirts with gold embroidered name/call sign and WV State Amateur Radio Council. Jack indicated these are available at approximately \$25.00. It was suggested those wanting shirts should be active in the Council.*

Action: *Contact Jack, K8WMX, if interested.*

2004 Proposed Budget: *Treasurer, Jack, K8WMX, presented a Proposed Budget 2004. Review indicated need to change expenses for Meeting Rooms from \$450.00 to \$600.00 and delete the \$150.00 for Printing/Tickets resulting with no change in total to the \$6,400.00 Expense Budget.*

Action: *Jack, K8WMX, will revise as indicated, and the 2004 Budget was accepted.*

Bylaws Review: *Dan, K8WV, reported that the bylaws were reviewed and overall seemed to be fine. He presented issues related to becoming affiliated with ARRL and reviewed the different affiliation categories. He also discussed record keeping required of ARRL affiliated clubs. Discussion of other issues included possibly enacting a provision that, to have WVSARC voting privileges, a ham would be required to attend two of three, or two of four consecutive WVSARC meetings. Further discussion included individual vs. club representation at the WVSARC meetings; defining what is considered a club for WVSARC representation; and the annual meeting business session.*

Action: *It was moved by Rich, K8VE, seconded by AI, W3GEG, and approved to Table any action at this time, and present for discussion at the March 20 WVSARC meeting at the Charleston Hamfest.*

Insurance: Joe, WD8EOG, reported he has contacted Nationwide Insurance Company regarding liability insurance for clubs and this option is no longer available. Discussion related to the need to have personal injury coverage and property loss coverage during meetings and at the WV ARRL Convention. Quote from ARRL for one million dollar liability coverage would be \$325.00.

Action: It was moved by Ann, KA8ZGY, seconded by Dan, K8WV, and approved to obtain liability insurance for the WVSARC through ARRL, and treasurer, Jack, K8WMX, is to proceed with completion of application and payment for premium.

Club Solicitation at Hamfest/Mill: Mac, W8XF, presented for discussion of WV Clubs selling tickets and items at hamfests or convention. A concern was taking monies from the ongoing hamfest/convention. It was the consensus of the group that this would be acceptable at the WV State ARRL Convention, as this is for all West Virginia amateurs and clubs, however, individual Hamfest Committees need to set policy.

2004 Convention Speaker: Richard, K8VE, indicates he has been unable to contact Riley and Mac, W8XF, suggested Bill Cross from the FCC. Discussion regarding whom to ask to attend Convention from ARRL, i.e. Dan Henderson, N1ND; Ed Hare, W1RFI.

Action: It was moved by Patrick, N8MIN, seconded by Olie, WD8V and approved to ask ARRL to send Ed Hare, W1RFI, as ARRL Representative. It was moved by Bill, WA8YCG, and seconded by Bob, WA8YCD, to ask Riley Hollingsworth back.

IRS Gross Income Status: Jack, K8WMX, reports the WVSARC has received a letter from the IRS requesting information regarding Gross Income for the organization. He has completed this information in the past.

Action: Jack, K8WMX, is requested to submit needed information to the IRS.

Hamfest Booklet Advertisement: Discussion related to including an advertisement for the WV State ARRL Convention in booklets used at Hamfests throughout the state i.e. Charleston Hamfest, Huntington Hamfest, Fayetteville Hamfest, etc.

Action: It was moved by Olie, WD8V, seconded by Jack, K8WMX, to place an ad in the Charleston Hamfest Booklet. Motion withdrawn. Further discussion related to possibility to trade booklet advertisements with hamfest committees. It was moved by Patrick, N8MIN, seconded by Olie, WD8V, and approved to pursue the trade placement of advertisement in other hamfest booklets.

WVSARC – Activities: Dirk, WD8PAD, reminded all amateurs of the need to mention on all Nets the WVSARC activities/meeting, and keep information about the WVSARC flowing within the amateur community.

NEXT MEETING – March 20, 2004 Charleston Area Hamfest, Coonskin Armory, Charleston – Time TBA

The meeting was adjourned. (Attendance 22)

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(Approved March 20, 2004)