

March 4, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) March 4, 2006 meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN, at the Steakhouse, I-79, Exit 99, Weston, WV.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the October 8th, 2005 meeting which were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Jack Kibler, K8WMX, presented financial report of \$6,879.58 minus \$1,094.00 Education Fund resulting with \$5,785.58 WVSARC balance. Jack reported that he has resigned as Treasurer due to health problems in the family. The group wished Jack the best for him and his family. Jack gave an overview of his responsibilities as Treasurer which include the budget process, collection/recording of receipts/disbursements, contacting prospective lodgers for WV State ARRL Convention and coordinating and finalizing contract for the lodging/meal/facilities with the Jackson's Mill business office. Discussion related to separating the duties, i.e. Treasurer and Accommodations, and volunteer for the position(s). Patrick commented according to the Bylaws, the remaining Executive Committee is charged with selecting an individual member of the Council to fill the remaining term of office.

<u>Action:</u> Ann, KA8ZGY, indicated she would accept the responsibilities for this year with the assistance from Jack, K8WMX and Patrick, N8MIN.

It was moved by Rich, K8VE, seconded by Patrick, N8MIN and approved that a Special Election be held at the Mill to fill the position of Treasurer.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Flyers & Mailing Permit: Jack, K8WMX presented information related to use of the Charleston Hamfest mailing permit for flyers indicating cost from 15.8 to 17.9 cents per flyer. He gave an overview of the process of sorting for three (3) or five (5) designation zip code; counting bundles, labeling, etc. Discussion regarding \$200.00 budget, possibility of mailing 2,000 flyers and selection of recipients. Patrick, N8MIN, indicated the possibility of sorting the WV FCC data base and merging onto flyer. Jack indicated that the Charleston Hamfest return address and mailing permit stamp number would need to be used as well as the flyer would need to indicated an advertisement for the Charleston Hamfest.

Action: Patrick, N8MIN and Bob, WA8YCD, will coordinate flyer content, printing, folding, tabbing and forward to Jack for final counting and mailing in St. Albans, WV.

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Accommodations/Reservations/Facilities: Ann, KA8ZGY will coordinate with support from Jack,

K8WMX and Patrick, N8MIN. It was noted there will be a charge for the Lodge WV Room this year.

<u>Amateur of the Year 2005 – Olie, WD8V, will coordinate mail letters to clubs around April 1.</u>

<u>ARRL Convention Application</u> – Patrick, N8MIN, reports request confirmed.

<u>ARRL Forum</u> – Ann, KA8ZGY will confirm with Dennis Bodson, W8PWF ARRL Forum and Reception.

<u>Auction</u> – Anthony, W8AF and Dan, K8WV – suggestion that everyone bring some items to sell, solicit from clubs and/or take items on consignment.

Women/Children Events - No action at this time as need volunteers.

<u>Booklet/Booklet Ads – Bob, WA8YCD, will coordinate and look at obtaining commercial ads.</u>

Booster Page - Ann, KA8ZGY, will solicit and ask that others solicit in their club.

Concessions – TBD

Commercial Vendors – Suggestion of those attending Dayton Hamvention talk with vendors.

DX Program - Bob, WA8YCD, will contact Clark Stewart, W8TN and Alan Carpenter.

Flea Market - Discussion of inviting Clubs to set up tables in the tailgate/flea market area.

Field Day Awards - Ann, KA8ZGY, WV SM, will coordinate and obtain plaques/certificates.

<u>Pizza Party – Patrick, K8MIN, will contact Pizza shop and Bill, WA8YCG and Bob, WA8YCD will coordinate activity.</u>

Programs - Discussion with recommendation to ask Clubs to provide a demo at the Mill.

<u>Public Address System – To be finalized.</u> Bob, WA8YCD, will coordinate.

<u>Prizes – Main –</u> Rich, W8VE, reports he plans to check the Dayton Hamvention Special related to a dual band and HT "station set-up" and a HT with spare battery. (Budget of \$1,000.00) Prizes –Hourly – TBD

Royal Order Wouff Hong – Bob, WA8YCD confirms MARA will coordinate for 12 midnight Saturday.

Talk-In Station – no change-Dirk, WD8PAD will coordinate and provide certificates upon request.

<u>Tickets - Garry, W8GAK - will coordinate and asked that four table in the front of the Pavilion.</u>

VE Exams - Rich, K8VE will confirm with the Mountain State Transmitters VE Team.

WAS/VUCC/DXCC/Checkers - Olie, WD8V and Dave, WA8WV.

WV QSO Party - Rich, K8VE, reports event scheduled for June 17th. He indicated that Anthony will assist with responsibilities and coordination.

<u>Guest Speaker</u> – Ann, KA8ZGY, will contact ARRL HQ for recommendations of possible speaker on topic related to 9/11 Ground Zero and/or Katrina and participated in the field.

Emergency Communication Course Exams – no change - Dirk, WA8PAD, will provide EC Course Exams if needed. The Education Fund is reserved to pay ARRL the \$10.00 fee for an amateur taking the exam. A Certified Examiner monitors, coordinated the exam session and approved expenditure.

NEXT WVSARC MEETING: Saturday, May 6th, 2006, 1:00 PM, I-79, Exit 99 Steakhouse, Weston, WV.

There being no other business, it was moved by Hal, N8FXH, seconded by Dan, K8WV and approved the meeting be adjourned.

(Attendance 13) N8MIN, WD8V, K8WMX, W8GAK, ND4B, K8VE, WV3WLC, N8FXH, K8TPH, K8WV, WA8YCD, N2OCW, KA8ZGY.

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

WVSARC Secretary