



## **ARRL WV Convention Meeting Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV**

**March 23, 2013 - Meeting Minutes**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) ARRL WV Convention Meeting was called to order on March 23, 2013 at the Hickory House Restaurant, Weston, WV.

Attendance 6 -- Bob, WA8YCD, Joe, WD8EOG, Ann, KA8ZGY, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, Richard Dillon, K8VE and Patrick Shea, N8MIN

Minute/Notes: Ann, KA8ZGY, Secretary presented the Notes (Lack of Quorum) of the October 13, 2013 meeting which were reviewed. It was moved by Rich, K8VE, seconded by Patrick, N8MIN and approved to accept Notes as presented.

Treasury: Dirk, WD8PAD, Treasurer presented the Checking Account Balance of \$7,751.86. Dirk reports this is an increase of \$352.60 over 2012 beginning Checking Balance.

ARRL WV State Convention is scheduled for August 17, 2013 and confirmed.

Key Note Speaker: Ann, KA8ZGY confirms Kaye Craigie, N3KN, [n3kn@verizon.net](mailto:n3kn@verizon.net) ARRL President will be speaker. Discussion occurred related to purchase of souvenirs as Thank You Gifts. It was moved by Rich, seconded by Dirk and approved that reimbursement would be for the purchases

Ticket Sales: Joe, WD8EOG and Dirk, WD8PAD confirm sufficient amount to Blue admission and White multiple sale tickets are available for this year. Bob reports about 120 Blue admission ticket sold last year.

Skywarn Presentation:

Bob indicated Jamie (NWS) would not be doing a presentation this year. Patrick, N8MIN, indicated there are plans to have a Skywarn session at the Mill the week prior to the convention. Consideration may be given to having an Advanced Course and Bob will contact the Charleston NWS office regarding participation and responses.

Talk-In Station:

Discussion of some participants requesting Talk-In Certificates. Ann shared there was a box of close to 500 Talk-In Certificates provided to the last group who handled the station located under the shelter. All that was needed on the Certificate was the Call and Date. Will need to research for who may have the box of certificates.

WV Club Demonstrations: Bob would like for WV Clubs to do some type of amateur radio presentation. Communications will be forwarded to the WV Clubs requesting participation.

ARRL WV Public Information Coordinator (PIC) & Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC): Bob indicates he has been in contact with Michael KD8MRU (PIC) and Jeff, N8NH (ACC) to assist with solicitation of club demonstration participation.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Joe, WD8EOG, report recommendation to set specific time for ROWH even if the auction is still active. Next ROWH will be in 2014.

Prizes: Recommendation for Rick to purchase about the same as last year with expenditure around \$1,000.00. Discussion occurred regarding having four (4) small HTs for the Forums with motion by Patrick, seconded by Rich and approved to increase expenditure to \$1,500.00 if needed. It was noted the need to thank Universal for the additional support with Hourly Prizes, plus other donations.

Concessions: Bob will follow up 4-H Club regarding having concessions for breakfast and lunch. Discussion occurred regarding a promotional sales for the concessions, if you have a Blue Ticket, you can receive a Free Hotdog and Coke. It was moved by Patrick, seconded by Rich to move forward with the promotional sale discussion with the 4 H Club. The 4-H Club would be reimbursed for food/drink, and the Blue Ticket could only be punched one (1) time. The 4=H Club would need to

keep a tally of Free Hotdog and Coke. Bob to report at next meeting.

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Reservations (Room/Meal): Ann reports room/meal reservations will be sent out in May. Additional lunch tickets are available at the Registration Office. Need to advertise and have more staying on site. No change in costs.

VE Exams: Bob reports Maurice Brown's group will provide testing session for 2013.

DX Forum: Hal, W8HC, and Clark, W8TN will do presentation for DX Forum to present in 2013.

Amateur of the Year (AOY):

Joe, WD8EOG presented concern regarding the lack of appropriate information for the AOY. Joe will develop an outline of pertinent information for those nominating an amateur to follow/submit, and send with the letters to the WV Clubs. .

Honorary West Virginian: Rich, is working on contacting the Governor's office regarding an Honorary WV for Kaye.

Technical Forum: Suggestion of Software Defined Radio however ARRL does not seem to be able to provide. Bob suggest Ham Nation which may be possible to schedule over "SKIPE", he will contact Bob Heil, Gordon West or George Thomas for further information and procedure to setup.

Schedule: Discussion with suggestion to have ARES® Forum at 9:30 AM and Nets Meeting at 10:00 AM. Ann will contact Ken, WA8LLM, regarding ARES® time change, and if he will be available this year.

Booklet: Bob working on ads and will contact PIC and ACC for assistance.

Tables: QCWA, Project Life Saver, ARRL, Ticket Sales confirmed at this time.

Booster Page:

Ann reports solicitation letters will be sent to clubs earlier giving club time to request participation from their members.

SERA: Discussion of having the representation present interviewing and taking pictures this year.

WVSARC Website: Counter active - Jerry, KI8EV.

Women Prizes: Suggestion to have women prizes, and possibly women/children activities with topic to be presented at the next meeting, however, will someone to take on this task.

WVQSO Party: Rich reports rules sent to ARRL and presented on the WVSARC site <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>. There will be two Bonus stations W8V and WV8V with hoping to work from multiple locations. Contact Rich, K8VE or Jeff, N8NH for more information.

Liability Insurance: Discussion occurred related to what coverage the officers have with the current insurance. It was moved by Rich, seconded by Patrick and approved for Dirk to research the insurance coverage for the officers. Dirk will update at the next meeting.

WVSARC Dissolution: Discussion occurred in regard to the dissolution of the WVSARC due to the lack of participation in the planning of the ARRL WV State Convention at the Mill, and decrease in attendance at the Mill along with the concern of some of those attending and not supporting the event by not paying for an entry ticket. There seems to be a lack of support from the WV clubs to provide amateur related demonstrations for the event, and to keep their club information current on the WVSARC website. As a part of the discussion, suggestions were made to move the ARRL WV State Convention to the Charleston Hamfest Committee in the future. As a result of the discussion, it was moved by Dirk, seconded by Patrick and approved to proceed with dissolution of the WVSARC in accordance with the WVSARC bylaws. Ann has been asked to contact Clark Stewart, W8TN and Dan Ringer, K8WV, to review the WVSARC bylaws and recommend what further action should be taken. Ann has also been asked to contact the Charleston Hamfest Committee officers and share this concern.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Hickory House Restaurant, Weston, WV**  
Time: 1:00 PM (come early and have lunch with the group at noon)

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC Secretary