



**ARRL West Virginia Convention
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
March 24th, 2018 Meeting**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC), ARRL West Virginia Convention Meeting was called to order by President Bob West, WA8YCD, (Skype from Morgantown, WV) on March 24th, 2018 at 12 noon at the ARRL WV Section Convention/Charleston Hamfest, Charleston, WV. Bob turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Greg Rinehart who proceeded with the distributed Agenda.

ATTENDEES: (7) Bob West, Jr., WA8YCD, Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ, Jane Hardy, WV8JH, Mike Farnsworth, KD8VLL; Randy Goff, KD8G; David Poe, W8IW; Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Vice President, Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ, who thanked all for attending the Mill Planning meeting.

Announcements: None to present at this time.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Secretary's Report: Secretary Ann, KA8ZGY, distributed the minutes of the October 14th, 2017 meeting which were reviewed. It was moved by Jane, WV8JH, seconded by Randy, KD8G and approved to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jane, WV8JH, presented the treasurer's report as BB&T checking \$60.00 and noted requirements for action on the account at least quarterly; and WesBanco checking as \$4,557.85 from the Dec. 2017/Jan. & Feb. 2018 statements. It was moved by Mike, KD8VLL, seconded by Ann, KA8ZGY, and approved to accept treasury report as presented.

Note: Jane reported receipt of mailing for a WesBanco Credit card, and it was the decision of the attendees there was no need for a credit card.

OLD BUSINESS:

WesBanco Grant Negotiations: Mike, KD8VLL, reported there was a new officer at WesBanco and she needed an explanation of the previous sponsorship the bank has given the WVSARC, and Mike requested continued sponsorship. The WesBanco officer indicated she contact management which she did, and after consideration Mike was presented with at \$900.00 check to be deposited to WVSARC to cover part of the 2017 \$1,328.75.

Considering the WVSARC needed additional monies to cover the 2017 expenses, Mike contacted the One Community Federal Credit Union management and after consideration of Mikes request, was able to granted \$328.75 to cover the remainder of the 2017 expenses.

ACTION: Those attending congratulated Mike on the great work in obtaining grant monies to cover the 2017 expenses, and asked to continue the process for 2018.

Mill Contract: Jane, WV8JH reported receipt of contract from WVU Convention/Jackson's Mill with increase in Electric Center and Jackson Lodge basement room; Jackson Lodge Rooms/Meals no increase; Camping available with "No Hookups"

ACTION: Jan will provide additional updates at the next meeting.

WV QSO Party (June 16, 17, 18, 2018): Randy, KD8G, reported he submitted the WVQSO party Rules to ARRL, CQ and QST, however, need to include Contact information on the WVSARC website by the end of May. Randy has indicated he does not want to be coordinator.

ACTION: Submit Rules to WVSARC website with contact information by end of May. Solicit Contact/Coordinator for the event. Discuss need for plaques for all categories at the next meeting. Randy indicated if no other volunteer, he would submit information to ARRL.

Ticket Sales: Randy, KD8G, to turn ticket over to Jane, WV8JH. It was noted additional white tickets will be needed. Volunteers will be needed for ticket sales.

ACTION: Jane, WV8JH, will oversee the ticket sale while soliciting volunteer support, and order additional white extra tickets.

Ticket Drum: Randy, KD8G reports he has the ticket drum and will give to Jane.

ACTION: Jane will provide drum at Mill 2018 convention for collection of tickets.

Major Prizes: Discussion by group related to what major prizes to purchase with suggestions of an ICOM 7300 Digital, an analyzer, and mobile with additional 7 – 10 BaoFeng radios for meetings/forums. Randy reported as past treasurer the expenditures for prizes about \$1,300.00, and there were no Hourly Prizes only HT prizes for the meetings/forums.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the group to continue with major prizes expenditure of about \$1,300.00, and Jane, WV8JH, will contact R&L Electronics for possible purchases.

Reservations (Room/M meal): Jane, WV8JH, reports she will send reservation request to the lists from 2017 coordinated the room/meal reservations for 2017 and agrees to continue.

ACTION: Jane, WV8JH, to email room/meal reservations.

Technical (Skywarn) Forum: Discussion as to whether to contact Jamie Bielenski, Charleston NWS, state to present a Skywarn program.

ACTION: Bob, WA8YCD, recommends to hold on invite at this time..

Key Note Speaker: Ann, KA8ZGY, presented the ARRL Convention Speakers List, followed by group discussion with recommendations to ask ARRL HQ if Dan Henderson, N1HD, Steve Ford, WB8IMY or Steve Ewald, WV1X would be available as Key Note Speaker.

ACTION: Ann will present request availability to ARRL HQ for a suggested speakers.

Technical Speaker: Group discussion related to the request for the repeat of the Yaesu Fusion System program by Corey Sickles, WA8UVV. A larger room would be needed for presentation.

ACTION: Greg, N8XAQ, to contact Corey Sickles, WA8UVV, for a presentation at the 2018 Convention.

Talk-In Station: Discussion with suggestion to monitor station and provide support as needed.

ACTION: Officers will monitor repeater frequency, 145.390, for support, as needed.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Joe, WD8EOG, was contacted, and it was reported with the move to the 4th weekend in August the ROWN Team has conflict and will be unable to hold ceremony this year. Ask that we move to 2019. It was moved by Greg, seconded by Mike and approved to move the ROWH Ceremony to 2019.

ACTION: Ann, KA8ZGY will notify ROWN Team the ceremony has moved to 2019 ARRL WV State Convention.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Discussion with note that letter to the WV Clubs for nomination for AOY usually is sent early April.

ACTION: Greg, N8XAQ, will plan to send letters to WV Clubs for AOY nomination in early April, 2018.

VE Exams: Ann KA8ZGY, reports she has spoken with the Charleston VE Team Coordinator, Terry Sanner, WV8V, and his team is willing to provide VE testing.

ACTION: The Charleston WV VE Team will provide the ARRL VE Exams at the ARRL WV Convention on August 25, 2018.

Booklet: Jane, WV8JH, shared comments from 2017 the need to have larger print for the Booklet and discussion to use full 8 ½" by 11" with larger font. Ann will send email to WV Amateur Clubs to submit information for the booklet.
ACTION: Further discussion at the next WVSARC meeting.

Booster Page: Discussion of adding the Booster Page to the Booklet, letting amateurs provide a donation showing interest in the WV Convention activities and support for continuation.
ACTION: Greg will send request to WV Clubs with the AOY nomination notification.

Auction: Discussion of the need of more participants at the auction and more donations. It was noted it was a fun event especially with Dan Ringer, K8WV and Jim Wilcox as auctioneers.
ACTION: Greg, N8XAQ will contact Dan Ringer, K8WV to confirm being auctioneer for 2018.

DX Forum : Discussion of possibly Hal Turley, W8HS to present his recent trip to DXpedition.
ACTION: Greg or Ann will send email to Clark Stewart, W8TN, or Hal Turley, W8HS, for DX presentation.

MARS: Discussion as no activity with WVSARC for several years and need to contact MARS representative to discuss if a meeting time or just have pavilion table is needed.
ACTION: Ann will attempt follow-up for local MARS contact.

QCWA: Discussion if Alan Carpenter, W8OP will want to have a QCWA meeting at 2018 convention.
ACTION: Ann will follow-up with Alan to confirm if need to plan for meeting time.

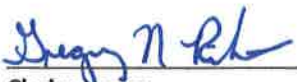
FORUMS: Discussion will have the ARRL, ARES® forums and Net Meeting with reporting of On-The-Air activities.
ACTION: Ann will confirm the ARRL and ARES® forums, and send request for the Section Traffic Manager, "Cappy" Caplinger, WV8KDC to share the past year's activity report with the Mill Nets meeting attendees along with other relevant net information.

NEW BUSINESS

WVSARC W8WVA Call Trustee: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she has received email communication from Rich Dillon, K8VE, regarding his living/spending more time in Florida and asking he be replaced as the WVSARC W8WVA Call Trustee. Discussion of possible replacement being an Extra Class, and recommendation to be active member within the WVSARC. Bob, WA8YCD, volunteered to accept Trustee, and was approved by those attending the meeting.
ACTION: Ann, KA8ZGY, will send an email to Rich, K8VE, to contact Bob, WV8YCD and move forward with the transfer of WVSARC W8WVA Call to Bob.

NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed – Mon. ARC or Jackson Co. Hamfest

ADJOURN: There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.



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