



**ARRL West Virginia Convention
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
April 16, 2020 Convention Planning Meeting**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC), ARRL West Virginia Convention Planning Meeting was called to order by President Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ, at 8:05 PM on April 16, 2020 by means of ZOOM communication and reported the meeting Agenda, minutes of October 12, 2019, planning meeting, proposed Mill schedule, and draft WV AOY Rules revisions were attached to the meeting notifications.

NOTE: Greg reported the scheduled March 14th, 2020 WVSARC Planning meeting during the ARRL WV Section / Charleston Hamfest was cancelled by the Charleston Convention Center due to the coronavirus epidemic.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

****Introduction of the October 1st, 2019 – September 30th, 2021 WVSARC OFFICERS:**

President - Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ; Vice President - Ken Caplinger, WV8KDC;

Secretary - Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; Treasurer - Jane Hardy, WV8JH

****2020 ARRL WV State Convention, August 21, 22 & 23, 2020, Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV**

Attendance (12): N8XAQ, WV8KDC, WV8JH, KA8ZGY, K8WV, WV8KDC, N8OYY, W8IW, N2UNJ, W8SI, N8TMW, KD8MIB

BUSINESS SESSION:

Secretary's Report: Secretary, Ann, KA8ZGY: October 12, 2019 minutes were reviewed by those present, with motion by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Ed, N8OYY and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jane Hardy, WV8JH: reports checking balance BB&T \$4,316.74 and WesBanco \$1,796.64 with total of \$6,113.38. Jane reviewed the 2019 receipts of \$4,949.25 and expenses of \$5,050.38. It was moved by Bob, WA8YCD, seconded by Ken, WV8KDC, and approved to accept treasurer's report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mill Conference Rooms/Pavilion: Jane, WV8JH: reports fees of WV Building of \$460.00 (Saturday) with less than four (4) hours as \$230.00 (Friday evening); WV Lodge Room \$300.00 (Friday & Saturday evening); Pavilion Saturday \$300.00; Electric Building \$230.00. Discussion: it was noted that dealers/vendors have asked for a secure set up area the evening before the event, and do not feel the Pavilion is safe/secure; discussion occurred with using the WV Building Friday evening and Saturday; close/do not use the Pavilion; do not use the WV Lodge Room, and move the Reception and Auction to the WV Building. It was the consensus of those attending to have Jane share these decisions with the Mill representative. Additional discussion occurred related to generate more revenue noting that apparently all hamfest charge for tables/space with motion by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Ken, WV8KDC to charge a \$5.00 fee for each table, motion carried. Ann, KA8ZGY, will have approved changes posted to the WVSARC website, and submitted to ARRL to update convention information.

Mill Lodge/Meal Reservations: Jane, WV8JH: reports Lodge Rooms will increase from \$75.00 to \$79.50 and suggest increasing to a flat fee of \$80.00 which was acceptable by those attending. She reported the meal charge remains the same.

WV QSO Party: Randy, KD8G: absent – Ann, KA8ZGY, reports that Randy has had the 2020 WV QSO information and rules published on the WVSARC <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/wvqp.html>.

Major/Hourly/Meeting/Forums /1/2 Hour Drawing Prizes Drawing: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports the ½ Hour Drawing prizes are completed. Jane, WV8JH, asks for major/meeting prize suggestions. Discussion for meeting prizes occurred with motion by Ken, WV8KDC, seconded by Dave, W8IW, to purchase BaoFeng HT or similar HTs for the meetings, motion approved. Further discussion related to major prizes occurred with suggestion of Jane research pricing of the IC 7300, and additional HF and HT transceivers similar to those given in 2019 with reporting of findings at the next meeting. It was noted there may be some possibility of reduction in pricing from manufacturers due to the cancellation of hamfest throughout the US. Plan to keep within the budget range as 2019.

2018 Amateur of the Year (AOY): Ken, WV8KDC, reports he has received one (1) nomination to date (cc Ann). He will be sending the notification to the WV clubs when the proposed rules for WV AOY have been approved.

Technical Forum/Speaker: Rich Clemens, KB8 AOB has confirmed presentation with Topic: Open GD77

Key Note Speaker: Ann, KA8ZGY reports the ARRL Convention Speaker has been requested, however, with the coronavirus epidemic, no action will occur until determined what outcomes will be.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Greg, N8XAQ, reports will occur at the 2021 convention (odd years).

Talk-In Station: Ed, N8OYY, reports he plans to monitor for check-ins.

ARRL VE Exams: Dave, W8IW, reports reported the Charleston group will coordinate ARRL VE exam session.

Booklet: Greg, N8XAQ, asked for volunteer to coordinate/publish booklet with no volunteers. Greg will continue to coordinate, however, is asking for clubs to send a page from the WV clubs to publicize their clubs. Dan, K8WV, will send the information out in his Monthly SM letter to all ARRL members to support this process for WVSARC convention booklet.

Auction: Dan, K8WV, reports he plans to coordinate auction.

DX Forum: Clark Stewart, W8TW & Hal Turley, W8HC, confirms presentation of the VP6R Pitcairn Island 2019 Dxpedition.

QCWA: Rich Clemens, KB8AOB confirmed meeting with Topic: Hamshack Hotline.

FORUMS / MEETINGS: Confirmed there will be an ARRL Forum, ARES®, ARRL NTS and QCWA meetings.

WV Amateur of the Year (AOY) Proposed changes:

Proposed Revision Procedures : WVSARC Bylaws, November, 17, 2007

WVSARC Amateur Of the Year (AOY), Article V Committees, Section 1.

1. Amateur of the Year Award. This committee shall determine the Amateur of the Year for West Virginia in accordance with procedures as established by the Council.

Greg, N8XAQ, reports the proposed revisions were initially presented/distributed for the March 14, 2020 meeting which was cancelled (coronavirus), and was also distributed with the notification of this April 16, 2020 Zoom meeting. Those attending took a few minutes to review with comment related to ballot email ensuring only one vote per officer and one (1) vote for five (5) previous living AOY. It was moved by Dave, W8IW, seconded by Ed, N8OYY to clarify voting status, motion approved. It was moved by Ed, N8OYY, seconded by Dave, W8IW, to accept clarification to the WV AOY Nomination and Election Procedures, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fox Hunting Event: Ed, N8OYY presented query related to having a Fox Hunt during Saturday at the convention, he reports some of the younger hams are not always interested in some of the presentations, and would like to learn about the process. Ed will proceed with gathering interest from amateurs and report back during the next meeting.

2020 Event Schedule (DRAFT): Ann, KA8ZGY reviewed the Schedule with session attendees noting there was overlapping of events and suggest that meetings be limited to 30 minutes and Forums 60 minutes. Ed, N8OYY, confirmed he would only need 30 minutes for ARES®; Greg, N8XAQ, reports the WVSARC meeting 30 minutes, and Awards 30 minutes. This will open time for the ARRL VE exams. Ann, KA8ZGY, will revise Schedule and present changes at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: **Thursday, May 28, 2020, ZOOM meeting - Notification via email and posted to WVSARC site <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/> .**

ADJOURN: There being no other business; it was approved by all to adjourn.