



May 6, 2006
Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) May 6th, 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 March 4, 2006 meeting minutes which were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasury Report: Acting Treasurer, Ann, KA8ZGY, reports the Insurance was paid in amount of \$325.00 with WVSARC treasury balance of \$4,614.58, and \$1094.00 in Education Fund.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Accommodations/Reservations/Facilities: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports reservation requests will be mailed in early June with confirmation needed by mid July.

Amateur of the Year Nominations: Oliver Rinehart, WD8V, reports the letter will be sent to the clubs for solicitation of nominations for AOY 2005.

ARRL Convention Application – Patrick, N8MIN, reports request confirmed and letter received.

ARRL Forum – Ann, KA8ZGY, confirmed Dennis Bodson, W8PWF will hold ARRL Forum and assist with Reception.

Auction – Suggestion that everyone bring some items to sell, solicit from clubs and/or take items on consignment.

Women/Children Events – No volunteers or action at this time.

Booklet/Booklet Ads – Bob, WA8YCD, will coordinate with Patrick, N8MIN. Letters will be sent to clubs soliciting ads for the Booklet and Bob will research obtaining commercial ads.

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

Concessions – TBD, Patrick researching prospects.

Commercial Vendors – Ann, KA8ZGY, reports AC & DC are planning to attend. Suggestion of those attending Dayton Hamvention talk with vendors and ask them to attend.

DX Program – Bob, WA8YCD, contacted Clark Stewart, W8TN and Alan Carpenter with no commitment at this time. He will continue researching prospects.

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.

Flyers - Bob, WA8YCD, and Patrick, N8MIN, are researching download process for WV amateur addresses; compiling flyer information and will coordinate printing and sorting. Ann, KA8ZGY, will contact Jack Kibler, K8WMX, to have mailing permit stamp image sent to Patrick to place on flyer. The flyers will be sent to Jack, K8WMX, for final sorting and mailing.

Pizza Party – Patrick, K8MIN, confirmed there will be pizza on Saturday evening. As reported at March meeting, Bill, WA8YCG and Bob, WA8YCD will coordinate activity.

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

Public Address System – To be finalized. Bob, WA8YCD, will coordinate.

Prizes – Main – 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 – Rick Dillon, K8VE, plans to purchase main prizes at Dayton. \$1,000.00 is budgeted.

Prizes Hourly - Ann, KA8ZGY, reports a few prizes were donated by the Charleston Hamfest Committee and \$100.00 is budgeted for purchases.

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

Talk-In Station – Dirk, WD8PAD will coordinate, and certificates will be at the ticket booth.

Tickets – Garry, W8GAK – will coordinate and asked that four table in the front of the Pavilion.

VE Exams - Rich, K8VE, confirms the Elkins VE Team will hold test session.

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. Information is in the QST.

Guest Speaker – Ann, KA8ZGY, reports Allen Pitts, W1AGP, ARRL Public Relations, will be speaker from ARRL. Allen was on site in Montgomery, Alabama and was the SEC in CT during 9/11 assisting with food and other issues. Discussion related to extending session to 1 ½ hours and have Allen also speak on the “HELLO” program from ARRL. Ann will contact Allen with request.

Technical Speaker – Suggestion to ask Ed Hare, W1RFL, ARRL Technical Laboratory, to present an update on BPL and other changes at ARRL. Ann, KA8ZGY, will contact Ed.

2008 ARRL 50th Year Anniversary WVSARC - Ann, KA8ZGY, reports that Dennis Bodson, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, has asked that the WVSARC submit an application to hold the Roanoke Division Convention in connection with the 50th Anniversary in 2008. Bob, WA8YCD, shared that he has spoken with Dennis regarding the 50th Anniversary. Ann has confirmed with Jackson’s Mill the August 22-24, 2008 dates. Discussion with suggestions to proceed with solicitations for a speaker, i.e. an Astronaut that is an amateur. Rich, K8VE, will research and start process.

2006 Convention Schedule – The Convention schedule was reviewed with some confirmations pending. The schedule will be placed on the website when finalized.

Vacancy of Treasurer: Patrick, K8MIN, reports that Ann, KA8ZGY is in the Acting Treasurer position, and the Executive Committee (according to Bylaws) has recommended with the time restraints during the WVSARC meeting at the ARRL WV Convention, the Executive Committee will appoint Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, to fill the remaining term of the vacated office. Dirk will assume only the Treasurer position after the ARRL WV Convention in August 2006, and a new chairperson will be needed for the Accommodations/Reservations.

Ann will continue both positions until after the Convention.

NEXT WVSARC MEETING: **ARRL WV Convention Saturday, August 26, 2006, 6:15 PM, Jackson’s Mill, Weston, WV.**

There being no other business, the meeting be adjourned.

(Attendance 10) N8MIN, WD8V, K8VE, WA8YCD, WA8YCG, WD8PAD, N8SWL, WV3WLC, WD8EOG, KA8ZGY.

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

WVSARC Secretary