



**ARRL West Virginia Convention
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
May 6th, 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, (phone from Morgantown, WV) on May 6th, 2018 at 10:05 AM at the ARRL Jackson County Amateur Radio Club (JCARC) Hamfest 2018, Ripley Middle School, Ripley, WV. Bob turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ, who proceeded with distributed of Agenda and March 24th, 2018 meeting minutes.

ATTENDEES: (11) Bob West, Jr., WA8YCD; Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ; Mike Farnsworth, KD8VLL; David Poe, W8IW; Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; Dan Ringer, K8WV, ARRL SM; Terry Sanner, WV8V; Ken Harris, WA8LLM; Samuel Mercer, N8SVX; Russ Dean, KE8DMB; Retta Browning.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Vice President, Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ, who thanked all for attending this Mill Planning ARRL WV State Convention meeting.

Announcements: None to present at this time.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Secretary's Report: Secretary Ann, KA8ZGY: The March 24, 2018 minutes were reviewed by those present, with motion from Dan, K8WV, seconded by Terry, WV8V to accept as presented, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jane, WV8JH: Absent due to blocked road to her home.

OLD BUSINESS:

WVSARC W8WVA Call Trustee: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she has received email communication from Rich Dillon, K8VE, and he indicated he will wait until after the WV QSO Party to transfer Trustee Call, so as to eliminate delay and confusion for the event because the QSO Rules have been posted on the WVSARC webpage and at ARRL. Bob, WA8YCD, approved the decision for delay of Trustee transfer.

Action: Follow up for status with Rich before the next meeting.

Mill Conference Rooms/Pavilion: Jane, WV8JH, absent to confirm other than Pavilion, Electric Center and Lodge Mountaineer Room. Dan, K8WV, brought to the group the need for a larger area for presentations as the ARRL President, Rick Roderick, K5UR, would be attending, Discussion occurred related to the WV Building, the cost and does the WVSARC have funds to cover (maybe \$450.00); possibly also use for the Auction as Dan has equipment from an estate to sell and use for some of the other scheduled meetings. It was moved by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Dave, W8IW, and approved to have Jane, WV8JH, reserve the WV Building pending availability, funds availability or need to raise funds. Motion carried.

Action: Greg, N8XAQ, is to contact Jane, WV8JH, to confirm availability of WV Building and cost asap.

Mill Lodge/Meals/Rooms Reservations Jane, WV8JH absent - no update report.

Action: Jane, WV8JH, will provide additional updates at the next meeting.

WV QSO Party (June 16, & 17, 2018): Greg, N8XAQ, reports that Randy, KD8G, would coordinate the event this year but is wanting support (VOLUNTEER) to learn the process. Greg indicates he will assist Randy, however, it was noted this support should be an on-the-air operator. Dan, K8WV, expressed concern as to who would be the WV Bonus Station.

Action: **NEEDED-**Solicit Contact/Coordinator for the event. Discussion needed for plaques for all categories at the next meeting. Who will be the WV Bonus Station?

Ticket Sales: Jane, WV8JH, absent – no report..

Action: Jane, WV8JH, to update at next meeting.

Major Prizes: Jane, WV8JH absent – sent information as working on prizes.

Action: Jane, WV8JH, to update at next meeting.

Technical (Skywarn) Forum: Discussion to not have program this year.

Action: No further action at this time.

Key Note Speaker: Dan, K8WV, reports the ARRL President, Rick, Roderick, K5UR will be the speaker and need to make sure communications go to all WV Clubs, amateurs throughout WV and surrounding states.

Action: Share the information will all as noted above – need to have a great attendance.

Technical Speaker: Greg, N8XAQ, reported confirmation for the repeat of the Yaesu Fusion System program by Corey Sickles, WA8UVV. A larger room would be needed for presentation.

Action: It was noted Corey will be moved to a larger room and need to confirm his equipment requirements.

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): ROWH Ceremony will be moved to 2019 Convention.

Action: Ann, KA8ZGY will follow up with ROWN Team the ceremony has moved to 2019 ARRL WV State Convention.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Greg, N8XAQ, reported 80 letters mailed to the WV Clubs for nomination for AOY with returns of a few rejects, for incorrect addresses or unknown status of the club.

Action: Greg, N8XAQ, reports nominations are open until midnight July 20th, 2018.

VE Exams: Terry, WV8V, confirmed the Charleston VE Group will provide VE Testing.

Action: Confirmed- Charleston WV VE Team will provide the ARRL VE Exams at the ARRL WV Convention on August 25, 2018.

Booklet: Bob, WA8YCD and Dan, K8WV, provided comments of need for clubs to submit advertisement (ads) for the Booklet and need to place information on the websites.

Action: Ann, KA8ZGY, will send request for ads to the clubs via email. Dan, K8WV, will place comment on his ARRL SM page.

Booster Page: Greg, N8XAQ, reported request for donations to the Booster page was included in the AOY Nomination letters sent to the WV clubs with request for return donations by July 20th, 2018.

Action: Terry, WV8V, reported the KARC started collecting donations at the May 4th, 2018 meeting. More to come.

Auction: Dan, K8WV, reported he has equipment donated from an estate and believes a larger space is needed, which would be available if we are able to confirm the use of the WV Building, and he will need assistance with moving equipment from Morgantown – he is working with the Morgantown Club. Discussion related to the need of more participants at the auction, more donations, and possible moving auction time. Dan confirmed he will continue to be Auctioneer along with Jim Wilcox, W3WV.

Action: Greg, N8XAQ will contact Jane, WV8JH, regarding securing the WV Building, if available, and report back, and Dan Ringer, K8WV, will search for assistance with moving equipment.

DX Forum: Greg, N8XAQ, has confirmed that Hal Turley, W8HS, will present on his 3Y0Z Bouvet Island Dxpediton.
Action: Greg, N8XAQ will contact Hal of his equipment needs for the presentation.

MARS: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports after several attempts, it was noted that all MARS groups have combined in WV and apparently there are actually only two active MARS members in WV with one being at the National Guard Armory in Charleston. No request was received from the member, and it was decided to not have a MARS meeting/forum.
Action: No further action needed.

QCWA: Ann, KA8ZGY reports after email communication with Alan Carpenter, W8OP, and Rich Clemens, KB8OAB, that Rich confirm the desire to have a one half hour QCWA meeting at 2018 convention.
ACTION: Ann, KA8ZGY, indicates she will place the request on the Convention schedule.

FORUMS: Discussion will have the ARRL, ARES® forums and Net Meeting with reporting of On-The-Air activities.
Action: Ann, KA8ZGY, will follow-up related to the Section Traffic Manager, "Cappy" Caplinger, WV8KDC, and Section Emergency Coordinator, Mike Maxson, W8SI, to share the past year's activity report with the Mill Nets meeting attendees along with other relevant net information.

NEW BUSINESS

IRS 990-N Filing Process: Mike, KD8VLL, reports he filed the report last year and will assist as necessary. It was noted that usually the Treasurer would do the filing. Mike has provided information for the process and Greg, N8XAQ, will work with Jane in an attempt to file by May 15th, 2018. Discussion of need for the filing process to be available to more than one person, and possibly establish a WVSARC email account to use in the process. Dan, K8WV, suggest setting up an account with ARRL for WVSARC, and it was moved by Bob, WA8YCD, seconded by Dan to create an email WVSARC ARRL email account – Motion approved.

Action: Greg, N8XAQ, will proceed with attempt to file the IRS 990-N form for the WVSARC by May 15th, 2018 and set up an email account for the WVSARC with ARRL.

NEXT MEETING: Discussion regarding there is a need for an additional meeting and President, Bob, WA8YCD, confirmed – suggestions of Weston Sizzler, Waffle House or Shoney's, Flatwoods.

Greg, N8XAQ, will follow-up for reservation, have communications sent to attending members, the WV Clubs distribute and announce on Nets.

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



Chairperson:

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