



**ARRL West Virginia Convention
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
May 28th, 2020 Zoom 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 8:00 PM on May 28th, 2020 by means of ZOOM communication, and reported the meeting Agenda, minutes of April 16th, 2020 planning meeting, proposed Mill schedule, and WV AOY Rules revisions were attached to the meeting notifications.

Attendance (20): N8XAQ, WV8KDC, WV8JH, KA8ZGY, K8WV, W8IW, WA8YCD, W8SI, N8TMW, KD8MIB, KB8AOB, WQ0J, KD8G, WT8WV, AB8AS, WV8MAT, KE8AZF, KJ4OML, WV8V, KE8LGO

BUSINESS SESSION:

Secretary's Report: Secretary, Ann, KA8ZGY: April 16th, 2020 minutes were reviewed by those present, with motion by Cappy, WV8KDC, seconded by Jim. N8TMW 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. The treasury report is same as last reported and accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mill Conference Rooms/Pavilion: Jane, WV8JH: reports after contact with Jackson's Mill (Karen) who indicated she will be furloughed as of June 1st, and is not sure the Mill will be open for the August 21-23, Convention and if so, there will be no rooms available which would cause off-site boarding and unsure of meals. To prevent future delay, Jane contacted the Days Inn, Sutton, WV (Flatwoods) for convention accommodation. The Days Inn Convention Center is available for August 21-23, 2020 with conference Area A 42'X72"; Areas B, C, D, 36'X36; projectors \$75.00 each location; Room Rate \$94.00 + taxes with Box Breakfast, Saturday Lunch \$14.99 +; Dinner menu selection; or several off site locations. Jane noted the convention rooms would be about \$1,000.00 which is basically same as at the Mill. Reservations may be cancelled by August 14th, 2020 with no fees. Discussion occurred, thanking Jane for proceeding with convention plans; questions related to Special Block of Rooms/Rate with refundable deposits; outside flea parking; recommendation of online sale of tickets with Spence, WT8WV, suggesting to contact K8MIG for assistance; rooms set-ups and room for VE testing. It was moved Dan, K8WV, seconded by Mike, W8SI, to cancel at the Mill, and proceed with convention planning at Days Inn, Sutton, WV (Flatwoods), motion passed, no Nays heard. Ann, KA8ZGY, will send location revision to ARRL for update of the ARRL Convention listing.

Mill Lodge/Meal Reservations: Jane, WV8JH: to **cancel** convention plan at the Mill with cause as noted above.

WV QSO Party: Randy, KD8G: reports the 2020 WV QSO information and rules published on the WVSARC <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/wvqp.html>. He noted there is another QSO party at the same time, which may help with contacts. He is still looking for someone to man the W8WVA call for the event.

Major/Hourly/Meeting/Forums /1/2 Hour Drawing Prizes Drawing: Jane, WV8JH, reports contacting R&L and DX for pricing on the proposed equipment. After further discussion, recommended research pricing of the IC 7300 and other similar pieces similar to the 2019 selections. A committee was selected (Greg, N8XAQ, Jim, N8TMW, Dave, W8IW, and Jane WV8JH) to review Jane's findings and report recommendations at the next meeting. The Baofeng HT remains at about \$40.00

2018 Amateur of the Year (AOY): Ken, WV8KDC, reports he has sent the notification to the WV clubs when the proposed rules for WV AOY, and has received only one (1) nomination at this time.

Technical Forum/Speaker: Rich Clemens, KB8AOB, reports he will not be attending the convention due the COVID-19 pandemic, however, he plans to have the presentation with Topic: Open GD77 available by social media process.

Key Note Speaker: Ann, KA8ZGY reports the ARRL Convention Speaker has been requested, however, with the COVID-29 pandemic with no action will occur until later date.

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

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

ARRL VE Exams: Terry, WV8V, and Dave, W8IW, reported the Charleston group will coordinate ARRL VE exam session.

Booklet/Booster Page: Greg, N8XAQ, reports he has not received any WV Club page for the Booklet. He will send out follow-up. . Dan, K8WV, noted with the many club online meeting we may not receive donations from the WV Club members for the Booster Page, however, donations from the WV Clubs would be appreciated and noted in the Booklet.

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

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

QCWA: Rich Clemens, KB8AOB, as he will be not attending, he will have another host for the meeting with
Topic: Hamshack Hotline.

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

WV Amateur of the Year (AOY) Proposed changes: Posted on the WVSARC website <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/> .

Fox Hunting Event: Ed, N8OYY, absent – update at next meeting.

2020 Event Schedule (DRAFT): Ann, KA8ZGY, schedule to be revised due to change n locations.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 25, 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.

Gregory N. Rinehart, N8XAQ
President, WVSARC

Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY
Secretary, WVSARC