



**ARRL West Virginia Convention  
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by means of Zoom communication, and he reported the meeting Agenda, minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 planning meeting, proposed Mill schedule, and WV AOY Rules revisions posted to <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/> and were attached to the meeting email notifications.

**Attendance (15):** N8XAQ, WV8KDC, WV8JH, KA8ZGY, K8WV, W8IW, W8KRA, KE8DMB, WA8YCD, N8TMW, KB8AOB, KD8G, W3WV, WB8CNN, WV8V.

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary, Ann, KA8ZGY: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes were reviewed by those present, with motion by Cappy, WV8KDC, seconded by Steve, W8KRA, and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Jane Hardy, WV8JH: reports checking account balances same - BB&T \$4,316.74 and WesBanco \$1,796.64 with total of \$6,113.38. It was moved by Bob, WA8YCD, seconded by Jim, N8TMW and approved to accept treasury report as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Convention Concerns and COVID-19 Pandemic:** Greg, N8XAQ, presented concern with the number of COVID-19 cases apparently on the rise, and information he has from his work environment (Health Dept.), he is recommending that we cancel the in-person convention. He has received several emails expressing the same concerns and the need to cancel. Several of those present indicated they would not be attending the in-person convention. Rich, KB8AOB, suggested that we do a Zoom All Day Convention meeting, as many of the presenters have use on-line presentations. Discussion continued with suggestions of scheduling the meetings/technical forums/forums/WVSARC meeting with breakout sessions and possibly lunch break. As most attending would be at home setting, it would be a relaxing way to see/chat with others during breaks. It was moved by Ken, WV8KDC, seconded by Jim, W3WV and Dave, W8IW, and approved to cancel the in-person Days Inn site convention on August 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and move to a Zoom All Day convention meeting on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020.

**Days Inn Conference Rooms:** Jane, WV8JH, will contact Days Inn with cancellation notification.

**Days Inn Lodging:** Jane, WV8JH, reports she mailed registration form past attendees and received several will not attend responses. No further action needed.

**WV QSO Party:** Randy, KD8G: reports the 2020 WV QSO very active as it also fell with the All States QSO Party indicating there were about 200 + participants. He continues to finalize the count. He thanks all who assisted with as needed.

**Major/Hourly/Meeting/Forums /1/2 Hour Drawing Prizes Drawing:** Greg, N8XAQ, reports with moving to a Zoom All Day Convention, prizes are not needed.

**2018 Amateur of the Year (AOY):** Ken, WV8KDC, reports he has received only one (1) nomination, and nomination time has closed. He will send the information to Dan, K8WV, ARRL WV Section Manger for confirmation and further action.

**Technical Forum/Speaker:** Rich Clemens, KB8AOB, reports will be available presentations on the Zoom convention day.

**Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH):** Greg, N8XAQ, occurs in 2021 (odd years) – no action needed.

**Key Note Speaker:** Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she will contact ARRL HQ the convention has been changed to a Zoom All Day event and the speaker may present during the day, if and when available.

**Talk-In Station:** Cancel - No action needed at this time.

**ARRL VE Exams:** Terry, WV8V, reports no VE Exams during the Zoom All Day Convention.

**Booklet/Booster Page:** Greg, N8XAQ, reports he will publicize Convention Booklet in .pdf format to have sent though emails and posted on <https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>. Request that WV Clubs send 'club info' page asap and donation would be appreciated.

Ann, KA8ZGY, indicate that WV Clubs could sent a contribution to the WVSARC for the Booster Page which will be listed in the Booklet.

**Auction:** Cancelled - No action needed at this time.

**DX Forum:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will contact Clark Stewart, W8TW & Hal Turley, W8HC, to confirm presentation of the VP6R Pitcairn Island 2019 Dxpediton at the ZOOM All Day Convention meeting.

**QCWA:** Rich Clemens, KB8AOB, reports he will have the QCWA meeting. Topic: Hamshack Hotline.

**FORUMS / MEETINGS:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will present a draft schedule for update at the next meeting. ( ARRL Forum, ARES®, ARRL NTS, QCWA, Technical presentation, Key Note Speaker presentation, DX Forum, etc.).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**WesBanco & BB&T Accounts:** Jane, WV8JH, request the group to consider moving the WesBanco account/monies to the BB&T account to eliminate the need to keep records for both accounts. Discussion occurred indicating only one banking account is needed. It was moved by Ann, KA8ZGY, second by Jim, N8TMW, and approved to close the WesBanco account and move the monies to the BB&T account. Jane indicated she did not know when this would occur as the closest WesBanco facility to her was in Dunbar, WV. Ann and Greg, N8XAQ indicated as they are also on the WesBanco account and Dunbar is close by, they would be able to close the account and move monies to BB&T. This arrangement was agreeable with the group.

**Zoom Meetings:** Greg, N8XAQ, suggest the need to acquire a Zoom account for the WVSARC as it seems this will be the way of communication for future meetings. He indicates an account fee would be about \$149.00 per year. Discussion occurred with motion be Ken, WV8KDC, seconded by Jim, W3WV, and Dave, W8IW, and approved for Greg to proceed with acquiring a WVSARC Zoom account.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Thursday, July 16th, 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**