



## **ARRL WV Convention Meeting Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV**

**July 20, 2013 - Meeting Minutes**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) ARRL WV Convention Meeting was called to order on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Hickory House Restaurant, Weston, WV.

Attendance 8 -- Bob, WA8YCD; Joe, WD8EOG; Ann, KA8ZGY; Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD; Richard Dillon, K8VE; Helen Burnside, N8SWL; Dan Ringer, K8WV; Anthony Simons, W8AF.

Minute//Notes: Ann, KA8ZGY, Secretary presented the minutes of the March 23, 2013 meeting which were reviewed. It was moved by Dirk, WD8PAD, seconded by Anthony, W8AF and approved to accept minutes as presented.

Treasury: Dirk, WD8PAD, Treasurer presented the Checking Account Balance of \$7,751.86. Dirk reported expenditure of \$25.00 to Secretary of State for registration.

ARRL WV State Convention is scheduled for August 17, 2013 at WVU Convention Center, Jacksons Mill, Weston, WV.

Key Note Speaker: Bob, WA8YCD reported Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL President will be speaker, and Ann, KA8ZGY confirms reservations completed. Ann will contact Kay to confirm if audio/visual equipment is needed.

Ticket Sales: Joe, WD8EOG, and Dirk, WD8PAD, confirm sufficient amount to Blue admission and White multiple sale tickets are available for this year. Discussion related to rearranging ticket sale area.

Skywarn Presentation: Bob< WA8YCD, reports there will not be a Skywarn Session, however, may have a table.

Talk-In Station: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she has located the Talk-In Certificates. Talk-in-Certificates will be available to those checking and requesting a certificate.

WV Club Demonstrations: Bob, WA8YCD, reports Mountaineer Wireless is planning a Fox Hunt and the WVU group may provide a weather fax demo. All clubs are requested to share some type of amateur radio presentation. Communications will be forwarded to the WV Clubs requesting participation.

WVQSO Party: Rich reports Bonus stations were active, and the QSL cards have been sent as well as the logs to Log World. Additional information will be reported on the WVSARC site <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>. There will be two Bonus stations W8V and WV8V with hoping to work from multiple locations. Contact Rich, K8VE or Jeff, N8NH for more information.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Joe, WD8EOG, only held on even years. Next ROWH will be in 2014.

Prizes: Rich, K8VE, to purchase about the same as last year with expenditure around \$1,500.00. Discussion occurred regarding having small HTs for the Forums similar to last year. Rich will contact Universal regarding purchases. It was noted several hourly prizes will be donated along with those from Universal.

Concessions: Bob WA8YCD, will follow up 4-H Club regarding having concessions for breakfast and lunch sharing the discussion from the last meeting (*occurred regarding a promotional sales for the concessions, if you have a Blue Ticket, you can receive a Free Hotdog and Coke. The 4-H Club would be reimbursed for food/drink, and the Blue Ticket could only be punched one (1) time. The 4=H Club would need to keep a tally of Free Hotdog and Coke. Bob to report at next meeting.*)

Reservations (Room/Meal): Ann reports room/meal reservations are slow and several vacancies in the Lodge. Calhoun rooms are full. Additional lunch tickets are available at the Registration Office. Need to advertise and have more staying on site. No change in costs.

VE Exams: Bob, WA8YCD, to confirm Maurice Brown's group will provide testing session for 2013.

DX Forum: Bob, WA8YCD to contact Clark, W8TN for the presentation for DX Forum. Hal, W8HC, will not be attending.

Amateur of the Year (AOY):

Joe, WD8EOG, reports there will be an AOY. He is preparing ballots to mail.

Honorary West Virginian: Rich, will attempt to contact the Governor's office regarding an Honorary WV.

Technical Forum: No confirmation at this time, may use for Demo's.

Schedule: Discussion with suggestion to have ARES® Forum at 9:30 AM and Nets Meeting at 10:00 AM. Ann will contact Ken, WA8LLM, regarding ARES® time change, and who will fill in for him this year.

Booklet: Bob, WA8YCD, working on ads.

Tables: - Discussion - QCWA?, MARS ?, ARRL confirmed. First come basis for Flea Market tables.

Booster Page: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports several clubs have sent donation and lists which are added to the Booster Page. Booster Page will be sent to Bob for the Booklet by the first weekend in August..

SERA: Discussion of having the representation present interviewing and taking pictures this year. Rich, K8VE will contact.

WVSARC Dissolution: As requested during the March 23, 2013 meeting, Ann, KA8ZGY, reports she contacted the WV Secretary State Office regarding the WVSARC Incorporation documents with findings shared with the WVSARC officers and Dan Ringer, K8WV, ARRL ASM. Discussion reoccurred in regard to the dissolution of the WVSARC due to the lack of participation in the planning of the ARRL WV State Convention at the Mill, and decrease in attendance at the Mill along with the concern of some of those attending and not supporting the event by not paying for an entry ticket. There seems to be a lack of support from the WV clubs to provide amateur related demonstrations for the event, and to keep their club information current on the WVSARC website, and possibly moving the convention to another hamfest. It was noted the WVSARC Bylaws does not address dissolution. Concerns were also related to the call W8WVA and continuation of the WVQSO Party. It was moved by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Rich, K8VE, that Bob, WA8YCD draft an email to be submitted to the WV amateurs and clubs sharing the concerns related to the "Expression of interest for the WVSARC and the ARRL WV Convention". Dan, K8WV will review email and Ann, KA8ZGY will forward to WV amateurs and clubs.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2013, ARRL WV State Convention, Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV.

Time: 1:15 PM

**L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC Secretary**