



**ARRL West Virginia Convention  
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council  
July 21st, 2018 Meeting  
Shoney's Restaurant, Flatwoods, WV**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC), ARRL West Virginia Convention Meeting was called to order by Vice President Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Shoney's Restaurant, Flatwoods, WV. President Bob West, WA8YCD, was not available. Greg distributed the Agenda, Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, the Draft Convention Schedule and 60<sup>th</sup> ARRL WV Convention flyer which was followed by the introduction of those present.

**ATTENDEES:** (9) Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ; David Poe, W8IW; Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; Dan Ringer, K8WV, ARRL SM; Ed Messenger, N8OYY; Richard Dillon, K8VE; Jane Hardy, WV8JH; Mike Maxson, W8SI; Eddie Caplinger, KD8MIB.

Those attending gather for lunch prior to the meeting which was called to order at 1:00 PM 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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes were reviewed by those present, with motion from Rick, K8VWE, seconded by Jane, WV8JH, to accept as presented, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Jane, WV8JH, presented the WesBanco checking account balance as \$5,437.85 and BB&T checking account balance as \$1,948.75. It was moved by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Dave, W8IW to accept treasurers report as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WVSARC W8WVA Call Trustee:** Rich, K8VE, reports he has the 605C Application form for the new Trustee to complete. Discussion occurred with the consensus of those present as to the need for the Trustee to be available and active as needed and that Bob, WA8YCD, as previous suggested to fill the position was not readily available, and Mike, W8SI, was suggested to fill the position which he accepted. It was moved by Ann, KA8ZGY, seconded by Ed, N8OYY, to move forward with the completion of the application for the WVSARC W8WVA Call Trustee, motion was approved. Rich shared that usually the WV QSO party was the only user of the call, he also noted the need for update to be completed for the QSO Log Book, etc.

**Action:** Mike, W8SI, and Rich, K8VE, will proceed with the transfer of the trustee for the WVSARC W8WVA Call.

**Mill Conference Rooms/Pavilion:** Jane, WV8JH, reports the Pavilion, Electric Center and Lodge WV Room were confirmed reserved. Discussion occurred related to the need for the Assembly Hall with comments of not in best location or convenient, and the cost of \$475.00 not acceptable. Jane reported the WV Building was not available due to a reunion scheduled.

**Action:** Jane, WV8JH, will confirm cancellation of the Assembly Hall with Mill Office.

**Mill Lodge/Meals/Rooms Reservations** Jane, WV8JH, reports to date there are 12 rooms reserved but expects more to come.

**Action:** Jane, WV8JH, will await additional reservations.

**WV QSO Party (June 16, & 17, 2018):** Rich, K8VE reporting for Randy, KD8G, indicated there may be need to change the QSO Rules due concern there are no scoring available for Provinces and only States and DX. Rich shared that he acted as Bonus Station but was not available to be on the air for the entire event. Discussion with need to have a QSO Committee formed to ensure that future events would occur. Rich also shared the QSO Scores have been submitted and the plaques ordered.

**Action: NEEDED-** QSO Committee for review of Rules and confirm an event Coordinator. (Volunteers needed)

**Ticket Sales:** Jane, WV8JH, reports the need for additional white tickets. Blue tickets will continue to be Entry Ticket.

**Action:** Jane, WV8JH, to proceed with purchase of white tickets.

**Major Prizes:** Jane, WV8JH, presents suggestion of Icom IC-7300, FT-450D, Kenwood TM 281A, QYT KT 8900R and BaoFeng BF-888R HT with discussion occurring related to other equipment. It was noted that \$1,500.00 was usually budgeted, but no more than \$1800.00 should be spent. Rich, K8VE, indicated he will proceed with the search for equipment for prizes and work with Jane to purchase.

**Action:** Jane, WV8JH and Rich, K8VE will coordinate the purchase of prizes.

**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. We need to make sure communications go to all WV Clubs, amateurs throughout WV and surrounding states. Jane, WV8JH, reported that Rick's wife will also be attending.

**Action:** Share the information to 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, in the room left of the main room in the Electric Building will be location for the 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 ROWH Team the ceremony has moved to 2019 ARRL WV State Convention.

**Amateur of the Year (AOY):** Greg, N8XAQ, yes, there will be a 2017 AOY.

**Action:** Greg, N8XAQ, reports plaque and badge will be purchased for the nominee.

**VE Exams:** Dave, W8IW, confirmed the Charleston VE Group will provide VE Testing.

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

**Booklet/Booster Page:** Greg, N8XAQ, distributed two draft copies of the Booklet (5 1/4 x 8 1/2) (8 1/2 x 11) for review and editing. It was the consensus of the group to go with the (8 1/2 x 11) version. Dan, K8WV, noted there were only a couple of club ads and no Booster Page with the explanation of only those had been provided and Booster donation was only received from one club (KARC). Ann, KA8ZGY, will send reminder email notification to the WV Clubs for club notice/ad and Booster Page donation with acceptance date as August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will send request for ads to the clubs via email. Dan, K8WV, will place comment on his ARRL SM page. Greg, N8XAQ, will publish the Booklet after August 15<sup>th</sup> and bring to Mill August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Auction:** Dan, K8WV, reported he has equipment donated from an estate and believes the WV Room in the Lodge will be all the space needed. Dan indicates the estate representative will need the Tax number and information to proceed with the donation process.

**Action:** Greg, N8XAQ will confirm the WV Tax exempt number and send information to Dan, K8WV.

**DX Forum:** Greg, N8XAQ, has confirmed that Hal Turley, W8HS, will present on his 3Y0Z Bouvet Island Dxpedition. Jane, WV8JH. Indicated a screen and projector will be available in the Electric Building.

**Action:** Greg, N8XAQ will confirm with Hal the 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 Rich Clemens, KB8OAB, requests a one half hour QCWA meeting at 2018 convention.

**ACTION:** Ann, KA8ZGY, has placed on the schedule for 10:00 – 10:30 AM.

**FORUMS:** Discussion related to several changes in the ARES® program and an hour will be needed, and the Net Meeting should be reporting On-The-Air activities. The ARRL Forum will be for one hour.

**Action:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will follow-up related to the Section Traffic Manager, “Cappy” Caplinger, WV8KDC, for On-The-Air Activities, and Mike, W8SI, Section Emergency Coordinator, indicated an hour for ARES® would be sufficient.

**IRS 990-N Filing Process:** Greg, N8XAQ, reports the IRS 990-N form had been submitted on time.

**Action:** Greg, N8XAQ, no further action needed at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Concession/Commercial Hot Dog Cart:** Ann, KA8ZGY, reports Bob, WA8YCD, has sent an email with a request from Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMV, regarding bringing his Hot Dog Cart to the Mill to sell food and drinks. As discussed in the emails, Mike will need to check with Mill management as the Council cannot give approval to sell food on Mill site.

**Action:** Ann, KA8ZGY, will send email to Mike as to his need to contact Mill Management regarding selling food on site during the convention.

**NEXT MEETING:** ARRL WV State Convention, Jackson’s Mill, Weston, WV - August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2:00 PM

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

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**Chairperson:**  
Gregory N. Rinehart, N8XAQ  
Vice President, WVSARC

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**Secretary:**  
Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

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