



July 26th, 2008 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) July 26th, 2008 ARRL WV Convention Planning meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN, at the Hickory House Restaurant, Rt. 19 and Jackson's Mill Road, Weston, WV 26452, followed by the introduction of members and guest.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY distributed copies of the June 7th, 2008 meeting minutes which were reviewed. It was moved by Dirk, WD8PAD, seconded by Hal, N8FXH and approved to accept minutes as presented.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, presented the 5/1/08 Through 7/26/08 Register Report of Ending Balance of \$1,947.55. It was moved by Jack, K8WMX, seconded by Hal, N8FXH and approved to accept report as presented.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Keynote Speakers: Patrick reports speakers will be coming in on Thursday and a trip to NRO is planned for Friday.

Proclamation (Amateur Radio Operators Appreciation Week): Joe, WV8WVU reports final touches in progress with plans to present during the Mill "Pig Roast" Saturday evening.

Special Event Station (W8V): Dick, K8TPH, reports confirmation that electric is available at site. Dick has drafted a Certificate for those participating.

Ticket Sales: Entry tickets will be available at gate \$8.00 with Pin; Multiple ticket sale will be in the Pavilion as 2/\$5.00; 4/\$10.00 or 10/\$20.00.

WV Club Emergency Communication Contest On-Site at 2008 Convention at Jackson's Mill:

Dirk, WD8PAD, indicates plans are ongoing and being advertised on WV Fone Net, website and yahoo. Evaluation of contestants will start Saturday at 8:00 AM.

Banners: Joe, WD8EOG, presented the two banners with motion by Bob, WA8YCD, seconded by Joe, ED8EOG to accept. The graphics were greatly accepted by all. Discussion of auction of 30"x 60" banner with no decision at this time. The 30" x 6" banner will be used for future Conventions. It was moved by Dan, K8WV, seconded by Hal, N8FXH and approved to place an ad in the Booklet for FinesLines Graphics at no charge.

Vendors: Patrick reports only contact was from East Coast.

Prizes: Rich, K8VE, prizes will be: Yaesu FT-450, FT-8800, VX-7 and have been purchased/received. Additional 6 HT have been purchased and will be used for 3 key note speaker sessions.

Hourly Prizes: Clubs will be solicited for donations and some remaining from last year.

VE Exams: Elkins team will coordinate the VE Exams – no update.

WV QSO Party: Rich, K8VE, reports final in progress and suggest that may want to move to another time of the year because of the band conditions, although is suppose to be a WV Day (June 20) event.

Souvenir Pin: Bill, WA8YCG, reports several pins sold at last meeting.

Sarnoff Citation:

Discussion of recognition for Dennis Bodson, W4PWF winning the Sarnoff citation. A recognition presentation will be at the reception at the Friday night gathering.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Joe, WD8EOG, reports three nominations and ballots have been sent to voting members to be forwarded to Ann, KA8ZGY, ARRL WV Section Manager for tally, and plaque presentation at the Mill.

Demonstrations at the Mill: Planning WV Wesleyan Radio Club member Neil Roth K8NR, will have satellite demo. John Heis, N8PDQ, may have a foxhunt.

Mill Schedule: See schedule on the website, <http://www.gsl.net/wvsarc/>

Meals/Concession: Patrick, N8MIN, will finalize Pig Roast at the Pavilion area, and the schedule is missing Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast for those with reservations on site.

501 (C) 3 Designation: Discussion of need to go forward with this and it was noted that solicitation of Grant monies would be possible. Follow-up at next meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment(s): Dan, K8WV, continues to finalize the requirements for the 501 (C) 3 filing.

Booklet Booster Page: Ann, KA8ZGY reports Booster Page solicitation donation letter to WV Clubs but with little response at this time.

Public Relations "Mill Coverage": Joe, WV8WVU will contact local TV stations and newspapers to solicit coverage of the Convention. (TV Chanel 5 and 12). Joe and Bob will notify QST and other publications.

NEXT WVSARC MEETING: 11:30 AM, Sunday, August 24th, 2008, Jackson Lodge Basement.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

A picture was taken of those attending holding the 50th ARRL WV Convention Banner.

(Attendance 15) – N8MIN, WD8EOG, KA8ZGY, WD8PAD, WV8WVU, KB8PFC, K8WMX, WV3WLC, K8TPH, N8FXH, WA8YCD, K8NR, K8WV, K8VE, KC8FWD.

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY,
WVSARC Secretary