



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

August 18, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) ARRL WV Convention Meeting was held August 18th, 2012 in the Jackson Room, Jackson Lodge, Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President, Bob West, WA8YCD. Bob expressed his thanks for all attending the Convention providing not only participation but support and contributions. He shared the weekend had started out a little wet but had provided a beautiful cooler day with many fleas providing chances to collect some additional amateur "needs". He also expressed thank for those staying for the meeting and Auction.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the March 17th, 2012 meeting minutes. It was moved by Anthony, W8AF, seconded by Patrick, N8MIN, and approved by those attending to accept as reviewed and presented. It was noted the June 30th meeting was cancelled due to the derecho (straight-line windstorm associated with fast moving severe thunderstorms) which occurred on June 29th.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, presented the year to date financial reports with balance of \$7,133.26. Dirk reported expenditures for tickets, insurance, WV taxes, and bank service fee. It was moved by Ann, KA8ZGY, seconded by Patrick, N8MIN, and approved by members present to accept financial report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

WV QSO Party: Jeff, N8NH, reported 69 entrants and information will be posted to website <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/> Under the QSO Party tab. Plaques and certificates were presented during the awards ceremony and others will be mail as needed.

Ticket Sales: Joe, WD8EOG, reports a preliminary entry count as 107 with 900 + other ticket sale. Concern was expressed of not all participants purchasing an entry ticket which is needed for the support of future events.

Major Prizes: Rich, K8VE, obtained prizes and gave thanks to those who also donated to the event.

Reservations (Room/Meal): Ann, KA8ZGY, reports Calhoun Cottage was full and just a few rooms in Jackson Lodge not reserved.

Concessions: Bob WA8YCD, reports comments on good food from the local 4-H Club.

Technical Forum SKYWARN Program: Many thanks to Jamie Bielinski, Meteorologist-In-Charge (MIC), Charleston location for presentation of the program which had a good attendance.

Key Note Speaker: Bob, WA8YCD, shared many thanks to ARRL HQ Rep., Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager for his updates. Dan always shared many aspects of the ARRL information throughout the event.

Talk-In Station: Dirk, WD8PAD, and Patrick, N8MIN, reported two (2) check-ins.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Joe, WD8EOG, reported there are seven (7) to participate later in the ceremony later in the evening.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Congratulation were given to Bob, WA8YCD, as being nominated and selected as 2011 AOY.

VE Exams: Bob, WA8YCD, reports Maurice Brown's group gave five (5) exams with three (3) passing.

Booster Page: Ann, KA8ZGY, reports light participation, will send information to clubs earlier for 2013

Auction: Bob, WA8YCD, reports Dan Ringer, K8WV and Jim Wilcox, W3WV, will provide a lively time later.

DX Forum : Bob, WA8YCD, reports Clark Stewart, W8TN, presented and good attendance.

Booklet: Bob, WA8YCD, coordinated the layouts and many thanks for workmanship.

Schedule: Bob, WS8YCD, reported schedule revise to accommodate participation for the NET and ARES® meetings.

Project Life Saver Booth: Bob, WA8YCD, extended thanks Wick Kirk, KC8RHO, for those having the booth.

QCWA: Bob, WA8YCD, extended thanks to Alan, W8OP, for having booth.

ARRL Forum: Thank you for ARRL representations attending Dennis Bodson, W4PWF; James Bohner, N2ZZ; John Kanode, N4MM; and Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY for having ARRL Booth, and Dan Henderson, N1ND, as speaker.

SERA Journal: Dirk, WD8PAD, reported quality of the journal is improving.

Repeater Coordinator: Rich, K8VE, shared SERA.org has an online coordinator process which will provide updates. He also shared that repeaters not on the air, may lose the coordinator if not active..

WVSARC Website: Question if the site has a counter and if no, could one be displayed – follow-up with Jerry, KI8EV.

2013 ARRL WV State Convention: Date to be confirmed with Mill management.

Reporters on Site: Representatives of SERA and Channel 5 were on site taking pictures and comments.

NEXT MEETING: **TENTATIVE:** **October 13, 2012, Parkersburg Area Hamfest, Wood County**
Fairgrounds, Butchers Bend Road, Mineral Wells, WV
Time: 10:30 AM

There being no other business, it was moved by Anthony, W8AF, seconded by Patrick, N8MIN, and approved the meeting be adjourned.

(Attendance 29)

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC Secretary