



## **WVSARC ARRL WV Convention Meeting**

**WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp, Electric Center, Weston, WV  
August 20, 2016**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) ARRL WV Convention Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp, Electric Center, Weston, WV.

### **Convention Comments:**

Ann thanked Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, ARRL Roanoke Division Director; Bill Morine, N2COP, ARRL Roanoke Division, Vice Director and Mike Corey, K11U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager for attending and providing update to activities at ARRL HQ. Also, a thank you went out to all that attended, visited the flea area and convention activities throughout the day, and those of you who will be staying for the Wouff Hong Ceremony and auction this evening. Ann asks that all keep the Council President Bob, West, WA8YCD in their prayers for a rapid recovery to be able to preside at the October meeting.

**WV Outstanding Amateur of the Year (2015):** Congratulations were extended to Phillip Groves, N8SFO, ARRL Section Manager West Virginia for being selected for the 2015 WV AOY.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Those present stood and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements: (Ann)**

- October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Parkersburg Wood County Hamfest, Wood County 4-H Camp at Mineral Wells, contact Ken Harris, WA8LLM for more information [wa8llm@yahoo.com](mailto:wa8llm@yahoo.com).
- 2016 Field Day (FD) - thanks to all the clubs/individuals participating in the FD Event and as many know, it was a challenge for some areas with the flood conditions.
- SET – Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for October 2016 or may be held at any time during 2016. If you are participating, it is suggested the ARES® group submit their results report to ARRL HQ before the end of 2016.
- WVQSO Party – many thanks to all those who participated in the event and congratulations to the Top Winners.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the WVSARC meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were distributed to those in attendance for review. It was moved by Phillip Groves, N8SFO, seconded by Anthony Simons, W8AF to accept the minutes as presented, motion approved.

### **Treasurers Report: (Ann)**

Randy Goff, KD8G, WVSARC Treasurer, presented treasurers report checking account balance as \$4,651.52. It was moved, seconded by Dave Poe, W8IW, and was approved the treasurers report be accepted as presented.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **WV Club Records** <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/> (Mike, KD8VLL Vice President): Mike displayed a copy of the WVSARC website WV Club log and asked that clubs review their information on the site and update. He asked if a club(s) has trouble updating the site information, pick up and completed a form from him and he would update the site.
- **WV Amateur Radio Club (WVSARC) Query:** Mike reports there has been no activity since 2008 on three (3) clubs on the WVSARC website WV Club section and asks if anyone is aware if these clubs are active:
  1. Doddridge County Amateur Radio Society, West Union, WV – discussion with decision as inactive club.
  2. Tyler Country Amateur Radio Organization, New Martinsville, WV – discussion with decision as inactive club.
  3. Wayne County Amateur Radio Club, Wayne, WV – discussion with decision as inactive club.

Mike will have these clubs removed from the list – if additional information comes forth, the club can reactivate on website.

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- **501(c)3 Status Overview:** Mike, KD8VLL, shared the process of applying for the 501c3 status for nonprofit organizations and the possibility of receiving grants for the WVSARC, and provide for additional educational, support activities and solicitation. Mike, KD8VLL, and Randy, KD8G, WVSARC Treasurer, have coordinated efforts, reviewed/completed application requirements, completed a history of the WVSARC financial history, report the requirements to submit an annual report to the federal government, and at this time are asking for the members present to discuss and approve the submission of the application with the \$400.00 fee. Discussion followed regarding who would be developing grant information; solicitation from organizations; reply to any follow-up from the application submission; be responsible for annual report with Mike indicating he would move forward with these concerns. It was moved, seconded by Richard Clemens, KB8AOB to move forward with the submission of the 501 c 3 application with \$400.00 fee. Call for vote by hands – 19 for – 2 against – many abstained.
- **Convention Location Change:** Ann, KA8ZGY, reviewed the topic which has been presented several times over the past years related to changing the locations for the Convention which was followed with discussion related to a central location, with reasonable costs and appropriate facilities. Mike, KD8VLL, asked for volunteers to search for a location and Richard Clemens, KB8AOB raised his hand. Richard should report any findings at the October WVSARC meeting.

**New Business:**

- **WVSARC Election Officers August 2017:** Mike, KD8VLL, reported the term of office for the current council officers would expire in August 2017, and will need to have an election of officers for vote at the August 2017 meeting. Mike asked for volunteers for a Nominating with Phillip Groves, N8SFO; Ken Caplinger, WV8KDC, and Edward Caplinger, KD8MIB volunteering for the Committee. Phillip, N8SFO, as first volunteer will be considered Nominating Committee Chair and the nominating committee will be asked to present a Slate of Officers at the council second quarter 2017 meeting when scheduled.
- **WVSARC By-Laws:** Ann, KA8ZGY, shared a concern she raised at the July meeting regarding the bylaws have not been reviewed /updated since November 17, 2007, and there are several references which are not current. Mike, KD8VLL, asked for volunteers to assist the officers with Ann, KA8ZGY and Richard, KB8AOB volunteering to assist the officers. The proposed changes from the review of the bylaws will be reported at each meeting with final draft to be present for ratification at the August 2017 meeting.
- **2017 ARRL WV State Convention, Jackson's Mill, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Mike, KD8VLL, reports the need to look forward for the 2017 convention, and August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Jackson's Mill has been secured for the 2017 convention unless another site is confirmed and accepted.

**NEXT MEETING - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Parkersburg Hamfest, Wood County 4-H Camp, Mineral Wells, WV**  
**TIME: 11:00 AM**  
**LOCATION: Building to the left of the Hamfest building.**

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

***L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC (Acting Secretary)***