



**September 22, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) September 22nd, 2007 meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN, at the Western Steer Steakhouse, I-79 Exit 99, Weston, WV 26452.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the August 25th, 2007 meeting minutes which were reviewed, and accepted as presented.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, presented the Financial Register Report as of September 21st, 2007 with checking balance of \$7,472.63; Special Account (WD8V) \$687.30, Training \$1,850.00 with Total Assets of \$10,009.93. (Report attached) Outstanding WVU Jackson's Mill Invoice of \$2,814.08 to be paid.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Patrick, N8MIN, reports all officers were re-elected at the August 25, 2007 meeting. Officers (10/01/07 – 09/30/09) President – Patrick Shea, N8MIN; Vice President, Joseph A. Radcliff, WD8EOG; Sec., L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; Treas., Dirk O. Burnside, WD8PAD

50th Anniversary Speaker:

Patrick, N8MIN, reported Gordon West, WB6NOA and Bill Cross, W3TN have been confirmed for Keynote Speakers. We are still awaiting confirmation from Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH.

Special Event Station:

The bands had a S9 noise level but still had 62 contacts. Plans are to have station next year. Pictures are on the SJARA website. Ann reported that Dan, K8WV, notified her that he has secured W8V for the Special Event Station at the 2008 WV Convention.

Talk-In Station:

Discussion with need to add the Talk-In Station with the Special Event Station.

Ticket Sales:

Discussion of collecting ticket attendance fee when driving into the Mill, at the front gate or back at Dining Hall area and at the back entrance. Would need volunteers throughout the morning at the entrances. Patrick will check with Mill staff to confirm acceptable and report at next meeting.

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

Discussion of providing table/site for WV Clubs to setup Emergency Communication Site at the Mill which will be judges and a Cash Prize would be awarded. Dirk, WD8PAD is preparing draft Guidelines and a Judges Panel to be presented for approval by the WVSARC. It was moved by Dirk, seconded by Bob, WA8YCD and approved to move forward with the WV Club Emergency Communication Contest with a cash prize of \$250.00.

Project GRACE :

Dick, K8TPH shared with the group, the SJARA had been contacted through a doctor at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg and a member of his church to see if the SJARA members would be interested in providing emergency communications for the shelter and the recommendation for members to take the CERT classes.

Prizes:

Discussion with motion by Ann, KA8ZGY, seconded by Bob, WA8YCD and approved for Richard, K8VE, to purchase Major Prizes with a \$1,500.00 Budget.

Discussion of having Hand Held Transceiver (HT) as Hourly Prizes or every other hour. Patrick will research cost of HT's and report at next meeting. Solicitation from businesses may be used for HT's.

Club Insurance through WVSARC:

Bill, WA8YCD, presented for discussion the possibility of the WVSARC offering Insurance coverage to WV Clubs. It was thought that group insurance would be a benefit to some of the clubs. Bill will research the cost and contact Dan, K8WV, in regard to possible the legal implication.

Education & Training Fund (E&T Fund):

Discussion regarding offering the EmComm Courses, Skywarn, NIMS 100 or 700 at the 2008 WV Convention and using the E&T Fund for training costs. Dirk and Rich will research time and other requirements for this proposal and report at the next meeting.

Banners:

Ann suggested purchasing or having Banners donated indicating 50th Anniversary to place at the entrance to the Mill and at the Pavilion. Joe indicated he may have a contact and will report at next meeting.

Accommodations/Facilities:

Ann reported she made contact with Mill Office staff and there are an additional 8 Private Rooms in Cottages. She also indicated that the room, meal and camping rates have increases as well as the Pavilion and Meeting locations. The Jubilee Pavilion would be available with screen wall at \$135.00 per day. Discussion on contacting local motels regarding "block of room discount", plus the need for handicap accessible rooms.

Booster Page:

Dirk reported the Booster Page made well over previous years. Ann reported she will send Solicitation Letters to the Clubs in late spring.

VE Exams:

Discussion to advertise the VE Exam Session on the ARRL and the VE Coordinator should do this and will need to contact Reese to confirm for 2008. Dirk will check with Reese.

WV QSO Party:

Rich, K8VE, reports he would like to step down as Coordinator. Rich has the 2008 Rules completed; the Summary Sheet; Certificates in Power Point; and breakdown by County in process. The Bonus Stations would need to be setup. Discussion with Bill, WA8YCG, indicating he will contact Rich to discuss the event process.

Souvenirs:

Joe, WD8EOG, presented for discussion the possibility of having a souvenir for the event such as a commemorative postage cancellation stamp at the Mill; lapel pin or glass trinket. Further research by members and report at next meeting.

IRS Notification:

Ann reports she has received from Jack, K8WMX, notification from the IRS regarding the filing of Form 990 for Organization Exempt From Income Tax. It appears that those organizations must file. Ann will proceed with process.

Magazine Advertisement:

Discussion of advertising in amateur radio publications. Members will research for costs.

NEXT WVSARC MEETING: 1:00 PM - November 17, 2007, Hickory House, Weston, WV. (Route 19 and Jackson's Mill Intersection)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

(Attendance 11 - N8MIN, WD8EOG, WD8PAD; N8SWL; K8TPH; K8VE; KC8TYK; WA8YCG; WA8YCD; K8WMX; KA8ZGY)

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

WVSARC Secretary