



October 8, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) October 8th, 2011, membership meeting was held at the Wood County Hamfest, Mineral Wells, WV and called to order at about 10.20 PM by President, Bob West, WA8YCD.

Comments From President Bob, WA8YCD: Bob thanked all those attending for the hard work during the Convention in August. Bob indicated the attendance at the convention was up a little. Bob thanked the re-elected officers for continuing to support WV Amateurs and the Convention activities

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY distributed copies of the August 20th, 2011 Convention minutes. It was moved by Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, seconded by Anthony Simons, W8AF, and approved to accept as presented.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, reports a current treasury balance of \$12,259.63. He has a statement from the Mill for \$5,010.37 for room reservation, meals, meeting rooms, etc. and has received two checks totaling \$150.00. It was moved by Rich Dillon, K8VE, seconded by Patrick Shea, N8MIN, and approved to accept financial report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

WV QSO Party: Rich, K8VE, reports the scores are listed on the website <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>. It was reported there were T-shirts ordered but due to the lack of interest none were printed. Monies were returned to those who had paid for a T-shirt in advance. It was the decision of those present to discontinue the offer of ordering T-shirts in the future and this will be noted on the website. Rich reported the need to order W8WVA cards, and it was moved by Dirk, WD8PAD, seconded and approved to order 100+ (as order form requires for minimum cost) cards.

Ticket Sales: Bob, WA8YCD, thanked Joe, WD8EOG, Radcliff, and Helen Burnside, N8SWL for their great job of selling tickets. The count of 136 blue tickets and additional sale of 1041 white tickets. Joe noted that we have not received an invoice for the printing of tickets and he will contact the printer again. Joe reports, at this time there is an adequate amount of tickets (blue and white) for the 2012 Convention. It appears attendance about same as last year.

Major Prizes: Bob, WA8YCD reports prizes purchased from Universal seemed to satisfy the attendance and will continue to order. Suggestion to look at small cost and more prizes, if appropriate. Rich, K8VE, to place orders.

Reservations (Room/Meal): bob, WA8YCD, reports meals were moved to the Greenbrier Room and did not seem to be a problem. Ann, KA8ZGY, rooms were available in the Lodge and all rooms in Calhoun Cottage were filled. Recommendation to include room and meal reservation information on the 2012 Flyer.

Concessions: Bob WA8YCD, reports the local 4-H Club ran out of food. Customers seemed very pleased. Plan to ask to return next year.

Technical Forum: Bob, WA8YCD, indicates he has good comments for Steve Ford, WB8IMY, QST Editor in Chief/Publications Manager for the JT65 – The “Musical Mode” forum presentation. Discussion with recommendation for Bob to contact Jim Wilcox, W3WV, to be the Technical Speaker for 2012.

Key Note Speaker: Bob, WA8YCD, indicates he has good comments for Steve Ford, WB8IMY, QST Editor in Chief/Publications Manager for his presentation. Discussion with recommendation for Rich, K8VE, to contact Bill Cross to be out Keynote Speaker in 2012. WVSARC will pay lodging and meals.

Talk-In Station: Bob, WA8YCD thanked Dirk, WD8PAD, and Patrick, N8MIN, monitoring occurred, and will continue in 2012.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Plan to hold the ceremony at the 2012 convention, and Joe, WD8EOG, will confirm with the ROWH group.

Photographer: Bob, WA8YCD thanked Greg, N8XAQ, for photographing the event. Bob will try to have some pictures published in the QST.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Joe, WD8EOG, reports 2010 AOY as Dennis Bombardiere, W8YS. Joe will need to obtain bio and picture for the 2012 Booklet. Discussion related to need to improve the bio's sent for nominees. Some question of need to change the AOY Rules. Joe will check rules, possibly make a template to be followed when submitting a nominee, and improve the voting process to allow mail or email vote response.

VE Exams: Bob, WA8YCD, reports six (6) candidates but results unknown.

Booster Page: Bob, WA8YCD thanked all the clubs and hams who contributed to the Booster page. Appears some names may have been missed and Ann will run only one collection envelope.

Auction: Dirk, WD8PAD, reports lots of fun and more monies collected than in the past. Many thanks to Dan Ringer, K8WV and Jim Wilcox, W3WV, for a lively jog as auctioneers.

Ticket Drum: Bob, WA8YCD and the WVSARC BOD thanks Patrick Shea, N8MIN for the new smaller drum.

DX Forum : Bob, WA8YCD, reports good feedback for Bernie McClenny, W3UR, Editor "How's DX" and "The Daily DX" for his program. He is a popular speaker for the DXers.

Convention Date: Bob, WA8YCD, reports the August 18, 2012 as the Convention date.

Election of Officers: Bob, WA8YCD, welcomed the 2011 through 2013 Officers:

President: Bob West, WA8YCD

Vice President: Joe Radcliff, WD8EOG

Secretary: Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

Treasurer: Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD

NEW BUSINESS

SKYWARN: Bob, WA8YCD will continue to contact the NWS in Charleston for a Skywarn Presentation (Jamie R. Bielinski, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Charleston, WV)

NEXT MEETING: **March 17th, 2012, Charleston Hamfest, Charleston, WV.**
(more details of location to be announced at later date).

There being no other business, it was moved by Rick, K8VE, seconded Helen Burnside, N8SWL and approved to adjourn the meeting.

(Attendance 8 – WA8YCD, WD8EOG, K8VE, N8MIN, WA8AF, WD8PAD, N8SWL, KA8ZGY)

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, WVSARC Secretary