



West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council October 10th, 2015 Meeting

Parkersburg Area Hamfest Wood County Fairgrounds, Mineral Wells WV

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC), 4th Quarter 2015 ARRL WV Convention Planning Meeting was called to order by President Robert "Bob" West, Jr., WA8YCD on October 10th, 2015 at the Parkersburg Area Hamfest, Mineral Wells, WV, followed by the introduction of those attending the meeting.

WVSARC 2015 – 2017 Officers

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Although Past President Norene, N8TJM, was not present, Bob thanked her and all of the officers for the great work during the past two (2) years related to holding the 2014 and 2015 ARRL West Virginia State Convention. Bob assured all that he is very aware of the need for support in the coordination of the events for the convention. He also thanked Philip Groves, N8SFO, for volunteering and being selected/approved and appointed as the ARRL West Virginia Section Manager, and was aware the Phillip is at the ARRL Booth at the Hamfest but could not attend the meeting.

Bob, WA8YCD, shared activities occurring during the 2015 convention - there was a noted two (2) sizes of tickets: wrong end of tickets be submitted; confirmed prizes were sent to all not present; thanked the Mon County ARC for bringing their Communication Van and having food/drinks; concern the ARES forum ran over time schedule not providing full time for Net forum; thanked the forums on crutches antenna and DX, and Jim Boehner, N2ZZ for the ARRL forum

Minutes: No hard copy available - the August 22nd, 2015 meeting minutes are posted to the WVSARC website <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>

Treasurers Report: Randy Goff, KD8G, Treasurer presented the October 10th, 2015 Financial Summary with deposits of \$5,194.00; expenses of \$5,404.50 and a loss of \$207.50 for 2015 convention. The current Checking Account Balance is \$6,442.55.

OLD BUSINESS:.....

- **Admission/Entry Ticket:** Discussion - It was also noted that all attending the convention did not have an admission/entry ticket which has the essence of not supporting the convention. Discussion of ways to be able to address the entry ticket (collect fee at gates; ask each attendee) - with no final decision at this time.
- **Mill Room/Meal Reservations** – Randy, KD8G, reported there were 13 rooms reserved in Lodge; 3 rooms in Calhoun Cottage, and one (1) Camper. Areas rented were Electric Building, WV Room (Lodge) and Pavilion. Discussion with concern as to cost for WV Room when .using rooms in Lodge – Bob will discuss with Mill management.
- **Auction:** Discussion – the auction was great fun but did not have much to auction and very few participants. – need to arouse clubs to participate and may need to move time to keep attendees on site.

NEW BUSINESS:.....

- **2016 (58th) ARRL WV Convention Dates:** Bob, WA8YCD, will contact Mill management and attempt to coordinate for the last weekend of August 2016. More information to come.
- **Booklet:** Discussion – noting that building the contents requires much time and coordination from more than one person - some items were missing i.e. AOY page, Booster Page, advertisements, however, the Booklet provided event information needed.

Clubs will be solicited for page ads, and will need volunteers for building advertising, coordination of Booster Page, etc.

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OLD Business (cont)

- **Special Event Station:** Discussion with need for a Club to volunteer for this activity.
- **Prizes:** Randy, KD8G, reports we spent about \$1,500.00 for prizes for 2015. Each of the Forums had a HT drawing and then the major prizes. Ann, KA8ZGY, presents a suggestion from the Phillip Groves, N8SFO, ARRL Section Manager WV regarding having an HF rig as one of the major prizes; the cost would be more but possibly draw more attendees – will research possibility.
- **Club Prizes:** Discussion related to have a Club Prize for having a table; Booklet Page; Booster Page participation; Demo; number of members attending. This would cause great coordination - no further action at this time.
- **ARES and Net Meetings:** Discussion of forum extending past scheduled time and will need to share that keeping to the schedule is very important – if additional discussion on a topic is needed - would suggest moving to another location to continue.
- **VE Testing: (Mt State VE Team):** Bob, WA8YCD, reported from Maurice there was an under 18 year old who passed Technician license. This is the first known under 18 for the ARRL WV Convention and as a congratulatory event an HT was presented to her.
- **MARS:** Discussion that MARS is changing some of their processes and activities and may be more available in the future.
- **QCWA:** The group provided a table and passed out applications.
- **Tables/Tailgating:** Currently no fee for tables/tailgaters – discussion of need to ensure that all attending have an entry ticket for the event so as to ensure future events.
- **CLUBS:** Discussion of need to have a push for WV Clubs to participate by providing Demos; Robotic demo; Drone/Helicopter demo; communication trailer sharing; demo on CW Foot Pedal; Antenna building; CW key contest, etc.
- **WVU Amateur Radio Club:** Bob, WA8YCD, reports the club has been reactivated and will discuss demo with the group for 2016.
- **SKYWARN:** Bob, WA8YCD, will contact NWS Charleston, Jamie Bielenski, for possible SKYWARN presentation for 2016.
- **Crash Class:** Discussion on possibility of holding a Crash Course class during the Convention which would may cause interest.
- **Key Note Speaker:** Bob, WA8YCD, asked for suggestion for 2016 speaker, does not necessarily need to be an ARRL Rep.
- **Concessions:** Michael DeHaan, KD8ZMV, presented an opportunity for the 2016 convention, as he is able to provide a “hot Dog stand to sell concessions. He noted that he has the Health Dept. Food Handling Permit, and that all food would be cook prior to entering the Mill site. No final decision at this time.
- **WV QSO Party:** Richard “Rich” Dillon, K8VE, reported that Jeff Woods, N8NH would no longer be able to coordinate the event. The event will be June 18, 2016. Rich indicated he will provide the information of the WVSARC website (Rules/List/Certificates), however, suggest contact Charles Young, N8RR; Anthony Simmons, W8AF; or DX Association members to monitor the event actions.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

(Attendance: 10 - WA8YCD, KD8VLL, KD8G, WB8CNN, KD8ZMV, KD8ZMW, KA8ZGY, W8IW, K8VE, W8AF, N8MIN)

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2016: Charleston Area Hamfest, Charleston, WV– Meeting Time -TBA
Location: Emmanuel Baptist Church, (Activities Center)
1401 Washington St. West (US Rt. 60)
Charleston, WV

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