

# Oct 2013 WVSARC Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Was called to Order at 11:00 AM by Bob West (WA8YCD)
- Meeting was held at the Parkersburg Hamfest
- 16 Members were Present
- Introductions by all present
- Minutes from previous meeting were read and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report was read and unanimously approved
- Balance was \$7,418.29
- Old Business
- Conversation surrounded the August Meeting held at the annual state convention.
- There were 111 regestered attendees at the 2013 Convention. It was noted attendance was down slightly versus 2012.
- No Skywarn class was held.
- 1 contact with the talk-in station
- Fox hunt received mixed reviews but was considered an overall success
- No Wolf Haung ceremony this year. The Wolf Haung ceremony is only held on even years.
- Door prizes seemed to be a success
- There were no concessions due to difficulty getting in touch with the local 4H club that usually uses this for a fundraiser.
- There were more rooms rented this year and a larger number of meals sold.
- 10 VE Exams were given. 6 participants passed their exams.
- Dx Forum was well reviewed
- Amature of the Year award was presented to K8BS
- Programs were free this year due to mistake by printer (extra blank page in middle)
- Several Tables were used in the pavilion
- The convention will receive coverage in the SERA journal
- There was great feedback on the keynotre
- ARRL Roanoke division leadership is very supported of WV state convention
- Jacksons Mill has forced us to reschedule the convention and thus there has been difficulty scheduling vendors.
- Trying to confirm date for 2014 convention - shooting for 2 weeks prior to labor day
- Presidents Dinner was well received
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- WV QSO Party awards have been presented/mailed to receipients.
- SERA is in the process of converting to an online coordination system
- Several Issues have been encountered including the PL tones not being listed for any WV repeaters in the ARRL repeater directory.
- Idea to hold repeater coordination workshop at the 2014 state convention
- At this time the meeting was handed over to the new officers
- New Business
- Introduction of new officers

- An email was sent to all ARRL members in the state of WV asking for feedback on the WVSARC and the annual convention.
- Only 9 responses were received
- Email “survey” and responses were discussed
- What is the future of the WVSARC and convention?
- Attendance and participation are dwindling
- Best Venu might not be at Jackson's Mill? What other locations should be considered?
- Should the WVSARC disband?
- Could/Should the convention be scheduled in combination with the charleston or other area hamfest which boast much higher attendance?
- Why do people attend any hamfest?
- Should we consider new and different forums?
- At this time a motion was made to hold the 2014 convention in conjunction with the Charleston hamfest by Dirk Burnside (kV8S). Motion was voded down (6-7)
- A motion was made to hold the 2014 convention at Jaackson’s Mill and passed.
- It was agreed the next WVSARC meeting will be held at the Charleston Hamfest.
- A motion was made to Adjourn by Bob West (WA8YCD) and unanimously approved.