



ARRL WV Convention Meeting Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV

October 13, 2012 - Meeting Notes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) ARRL WV Convention Meeting was held October 13, 2012 at the Parkersburg Area Hamfest, Wood County 4-H Fairgrounds, Butchers Bend Road, Mineral Wells, WV, however, due to lack of attendance, an no quorum, only discussion occurred on the following topics.

The ARRL WV State Convention is scheduled for August 17, 2013.

MON COUNTY ARC 147.075:

Bob, WA8YCD, reported a new club in Monongalia Co. and an ad page in the Convention Booklet. The club president is Allen Harris, KC8BML.

WV Building Audio:

Discussion of need to supply a wireless mike to allow speakers to move about, to provide a more personable presentation.

Meals:

Discussion indicating responses of better meals at the Dining Hall this year.

Auction:

Discussion of need for more donations and more participants.

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH):

It was noted that due to the length of the auction, the ceremony may need to be at a set time in the future even if the auction is ongoing. More information at the next meeting.

Talk-In Station:

Discussion of some participants requesting Talk-In Certificates. Ann shared there was a box of close to 500 Talk-In Certificates provided to the last group who handled the station located under the shelter. All that was needed on the Certificate was the Call and Date. Will need to research for who may have the box of certificates.

Skywarn Presentation:

Bob indicated he will contact Jamie Bielinski regarding participation and responses.

Prizes:

Comments that most attendees seemed to appreciate the number of prizes. It was noted the need to thank Universal for the additional support with Hourly Prizes, plus other donations.

Ticket Sales:

Bob reports one ticket with no name, however the number was present.

Concessions:

Bob will follow up with the club manager to acquire their comments related to participation.

Reservations (Room/Meal):

Ann shared there were rooms available, and others wanting meals ticket could obtain from the Registration Office. Need to advertise and have more staying on site.

Key Note Speaker:

Dan shared several ongoing changes and processes within the ARRL. Ann will research for an ARRL speaker for 2013.

VE Exams:

Bob indicates Maurice Brown's group will provide exams for 2013.

Booster Page:

Ann shared she would send out club requests earlier giving club time to request participation from their members.

DX Forum :

Discussion of Swains Island and will request Hal and Clark to present in 2013.

Amateur of the Year (AOY):

Joe, WD8EOG presented concern followed by discussion of need to provide a template with letter sent to WV Clubs. In the past most of those providing nominations are not including information about the participants accomplishments during the previous year. Some of the information for the nominee may only be a short paragraph of several years past and nothing for the previous past year. More discussion at the next meeting with possibly a draft template.

Booklet:

Need to have more WV Clubs participating and having a Club Page...

Technical Forum:

Discussion related to having some demonstrations with more discussion at next meeting.

Project Life Saver Group Table:

Positive comments on their presence.

QCWA:

Again thanks for being present.

ARRL Forum:

On schedule for next year.

Schedule:

Discussion of need to move the Net and ARES meetings later in the morning.

SERA:

Discussion of having the representation present interviewing and taking pictures.

WVSARC Website:

Question if the site has a counter and if no, could one be displayed – Bob will follow-up with Jerry, KI8EV.

Women Prizes:

Suggestion to have women prizes, and possibly women/children activities with topic to be presented at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: TENTATIVE: March 23, 2013, Hickory House, Weston,
Time: 1:00 PM (Join early and have lunch with the group at noon)

(Attendance 3 -- Bob, WA8YCD, Joe, WD8EOG, Ann, KA8ZGY)

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