



**ARRL West Virginia Convention
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
October 14th, 2017 Meeting**

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC), fourth quarter 2017 meeting was held on October 14th, 2017, at the Parkersburg Area Hamfest, Wood County 4-H Fairgrounds, Butcher Bend Road, Mineral Wells, WV.

ATTENDEES: Mike Farnsworth, KD8VLL; Randy Goff, KD8G; Greg Rinehart, N8XAQ; Jane Hardy, WV8JH; David Poe, W8IW; Charlie Marlow, WB8CNN; Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by outgoing Vice President, Michael "Mike" Farnsworth, KD8VLL, who thanked all of those assisting with the past ARRL West Virginia (WV) State Convention on August 19th, 2017. Mike presented the newly elected officers for October 2017 through August 2019 as follows:

- **President:** Robert West, WA8YCD; **Vice President:** Gregory Rinehart, N8XAQ;
Secretary: Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; **Treasurer:** Jane Hardy, WV8JH.

Mike turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Greg, N8XAQ, as the President, Bob, WA8YCD was unable attend the meeting.

Announcements: Greg, thanks all for attending the meeting in support of the planning for the 2018 ARRL WV State Convention.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Secretary's Report: Ann, distributed the minutes of the August 19th WVSARC meeting at Jackson's Mill for review. It was moved by Dave, W8IW, seconded by Charles, WB8CNN, and approved to accept the minutes as presented. Ann requested the Mike, KD8VLL, to sign the minutes as he presided at the August 19th, 2017 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Outgoing Treasurer Randy Goff, KD8G, presented for review the treasurer's report. He indicated just receiving the Invoice from the Mill, and reported after all the receipts and bills, there is a WesBanco checking balance of \$4,537.85 and BB&T balance of \$50.00. Randy review the October 14, 2017 financial report entries with those attending. It was moved by Jane, WV8JH, seconded Mike KD8VLL, and approved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Randy shared he also has the PA System, and will pass to Greg.

OLD BUSINESS: **Activities for Action List distributed for review and comments:**

ARRL Convention Application: Greg requested to be submitted to ARRL.

ACTION: Ann will submit request to ARRL for convention dates of August 24, 25 & 26, 2018.

WV QSO Party: Randy Goff, KD8G, chaired the 2017 event, but indicated that Alan Carpenter, W8OP may be willing to assist with for 2018. Greg reported the event should be scheduled for weekend closest to WV Day June 20th which would be June 16, 17 & 18.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the group for Randy to contact Alan, W8OP to request to coordinate the event for 2018. Discussion occurred related to the need for the plaques for all of the the categories or to go to another type of presentation with follow up to occur at the March 24, 2018 meeting.

Ticket Sales: Randy reports he has tickets from Convention if needed for review, and there will need to be an order for more of the white extra tickets.

ACTION: Jane, WV8JH, will oversee the ticket sale, and acquire additional white extra tickets.

Ticket Drum: Randy reports he has the ticket drum and will give to Jane.

ACTION: Jane will provide drum at Mill 2018 convention for collection of tickets.

Major Prizes: Randy reported as past treasurer he ordered the 2017 major prizes during the Hamvention with the expenditure of about \$1,300.00 (HF Rig (\$700. +/- ; Mobile/Digital; 2 mtr; HT's). It was noted there were no Hourly Prizes only HT prizes for the meetings.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the group to continue with major prizes expenditure of \$1,300.00, and Jane, WV8JH will obtain for the 2018 convention. Follow-up for Hourly Prizes to occur at the March 24, 2018 meeting.

Reservations (Room/Meal): Jane coordinated the room/meal reservations for 2017 and agrees to continue.

ACTION: Jane will contact Mill for current costs for 2018 and send information for room/meal reservations. Ann, will assist if needed.

Technical (Skywarn) Forum: Discussion as to whether to contact Jamie Bielenski, Charleston NWS, state to present a Skywarn program.

ACTION: Tabled until the March 24, 2018 meeting.

Key Note Speaker: Group discussion of program from ARRL representative related to the topic of the new FCC Bands and/or use of Logbook of the World.

ACTION: Ann will present request to availability of ARRL for a ARRL representative for these topics.

Technical Speaker: Group discussion related to the request for the repeat of the Yaesu Fusion System program by Corey Sickles, WA8UVV. Noted that a larger room would be needed for presentation.

ACTION: Mike will send Corey's email address to Greg who will contact Corey for presentation at the 2018 Convention.

Talk-In Station: Discussion with suggestion to have a local club provides Talk-In station.

ACTION: Tabled for Ann to research availability of local club(s).

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony (ROWH): Discussion of ROWH ceremony on even years (2018). Joe, WD8EOG, has coordinated ceremony in the past.

ACTION: Ann will contact Joe, requesting the group present the ROWH ceremony at the 2018 convention.

Amateur of the Year (AOY): Discussion with note that letter to the WV Clubs for nomination for AOY usually is sent early April.

ACTION: Greg, N8XAQ, will plan to send letters to WV Clubs for AOY nomination in early April, 2018.

VE Exams: Discussion with Mike reporting the Mountain State VE team, Elkins, WV have held the Convention VE Exams for many years and would like to pass along to another VE Team. Ann reports she has spoken with the Charleston VE Team Coordinator, Terry Sanner, WV8V, and his team is willing to provide VE testing.

ACTION: Mike will send Mountain State VE Team email address to Greg so he may thank the group for many years of service. Ann will share with the Charleston VE Team their approval to provide ARRL VE Exams at the ARRL WV Convention on August 25, 2018.

Booklet: Discussion of who to coordinate, gather information, and print. Ann will contact Bob regarding activities and begin to gather information from clubs and amateurs around the state.

ACTION: Ann to coordinate with Bob the booklet activities.

Booster Page: Discussion of adding the Booster Page to the Booklet, letting amateurs know other amateurs are interested in the WV Convention activities and success.

ACTION: Greg will send request to WV Clubs with the AOY nomination notification.

Auction: Discussion of the need of more participants at the auction and more donations. It was noted it was a fun event especially with Dan Ringer, K8WV and Jim Wilcox as auctioneers.

ACTION: Ann will contact Dan Ringer, K8WV and Jim Wilcox, W3WV to confirm as auctioneers at 2018 Auction.

DX Forum : Discussion of possibly Hal Turley, W8HS to present his recent trip to DXpedition.

ACTION: Greg or Ann will send email to Clark Stewart, W8TN, or Hal Turley, W8HS, for DX presentation.

MARS: Discussion of need to contact MARS representative if need meeting time or just have Table.

ACTION: Ann will follow-up for local MARS contact

QCWA: Discussion if Alan Carpenter, W8OP will want to have a QCWA meeting at 2018 convention.

ACTION: Ann will follow-up with Alan to confirm if need to plan for meeting time.

FORUMS: Discussion will have the ARRL, ARES® forums and Net Meeting with reporting of On-The-Air activities.

ACTION: Ann will confirm the ARRL and ARES forums, and send request for the Section Traffic Manager, "Cappy" Caplinger, WV8KDC to share the past year's activity report with the Mill Nets meeting attendees along with other relevant net information.

NEW BUSINESS

WVSARC WesBanco Checking Account: Mike shared the need to have the new officers on the bank account. Discussion occurred related to what obligations do we have to stay with WesBanco. Mike indicated they asked for us to transfer our checking account from BB&T to WesBanco, and to place their 'sponsored by logo' on the Booklet, he also reported WesBanco did not pay for the printing of the Booklet. Mike also reported he plans in January or February 2018 to ask WesBanco representative for a grant to cover the 2017 expenses which occurred for the convention preparation.

ACTION: Discussion with motion by Dave, W8IW, seconded by Charlie, WB8CNN, to have Mike proceed with contact of WesBanco representation in January or February 2018 regarding a grant for the 2017 expenditures, and if these expenses are approved for 'grant' reimbursements with Mike receiving a check, the final decision as to whether to stay with WesBanco or move back to BB&T would be made at the Charleston Hamfest March 24th, 2018 meeting, and Randy would maintain the financial documents and checkbook until March meeting. Motion approved. Mike to proceed with January/February 2018 contact with WesBanco representation regarding grant for 2017 expenses, as noted above. Finalize action regarding decision of which bank to house checking account at the March 2018 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2018, Charleston Area Hamfest

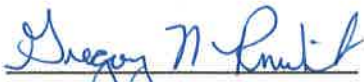
11:00 AM

Charleston Civic Center

200 Civic Center Drive

Charleston, WV 25301

ADJOURN: There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.



Gregory N. Rinehart

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Gregory N. Rinehart, N8XAQ

Vice President, WVSARC



Ann Rinehart

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