



November 17, 2007 - Meeting Minutes

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) November 17th, 2007 meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN, at the Hickory House Restaurant, Rt. 19 and Jackson's Mill Road, Weston, WV 26452, followed by the introduction of members and guest.

Minutes: Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the September 22nd, 2007 meeting minutes which were reviewed, with (call) correction and accepted as corrected.

Treasury Report: Treasurer, Dirk Burnside, WD8PAD, presented the Financial Register Report for January 1, 2007 through November 17, 2007 with ending balance \$4,663.55 noting that \$392.76 less was collected from previous year. Additional assets are Special Account (WD8V) \$687.30, Training \$1,850.00 with Total Assets of \$7,200.85. (Report attached)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

50th Anniversary: Patrick, N8MIN, reported Dan, K8WV, had invited Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel, FCC Enforcement to attend the 50th Anniversary. It was moved by Bill, WA8YCG, seconded by Hal, W8FXH and approved to officially invite Riley. It was recommended that Rich, K8VE and Dan coordinate the invite and details. Rich, K8VE, reports he is planning a private tour of Greenbank for Gordon West, WB6NOA, as he will be arriving a day early.

Special Event Station (W8V): Dick, K8TPH, reports the event is on the ARRL website, He plans on sending to QRZ, CQ and World Radio. They are still looking at QSL cards and will check with Dan, K8WV. Dick plans to print certificates for the event. They will tour the Mill for a better site location.

Talk-In Station: Dick, K8TPH, plans to include in the Special Event location, a set-up for Talk-In Station or possible have someone run station from home. Bob, WA8YCD will check with Monongalia Wireless for possibility of an at home working station.

Ticket Sales: Discussion of ticket sales from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Bob, WA8YCD, will contact Monongalia Wireless Club to handle ticket sales. Still planning on collecting ticket attendance fee when driving into the Mill, at the front gate or back at Dining Hall area and at the back entrance. Would need volunteers throughout the morning at the entrances. Patrick will check with Mill staff to confirm use of the first gate into the Mill and report at next meeting. Discussion of possible need to increase the cost for entry tickets with no action taken.

WV Club Emergency Communication Contest On-Site at 2008 Convention at Jackson's Mill: Dirk, WD8PAD, need to providing table/site for WV Clubs to setup Emergency Communication Site at the Mill which will be judges and a Cash Prize would be awarded and the Assembly Hall may be a location. Other suggestion is advertisements to the clubs; possibly two classes of prizes; speaker, i.e. Interoperative Radio Project (IRP) Joe Gonzales; EOC Emergency vehicles; etc. Guidelines and a Judges Panel to be presented for approval by the WVSARC.

Project GRACE : No action needed.

Prizes: Rich, K8VE, as for suggestion of Kenwood vs. Yaesu equipment for prized with not clear recommendation other that for Rich to choose what best fits the need and budget. Still plan on HT for some hourly prizes.

Proclamation (Amateur Radio Operators Appreciation Week): Discussion of contacting the Governors office for a proclamation similar to 2007 and having the governor present. Joe, WV8WVU, indicates he has worked with the governor's office on similar issues and will pursue. Ann gave Joe a copy of the 2007 proclamation. Joe will report at follow-up meetings.

Club Insurance through WVSARC: No action at this time, Bill, WA8YCG, will research the cost and contact Dan, K8WV, in regard to possible the legal implication.

Education & Training Fund (E&T Fund): Dirk, WD8PAD, and Rich, K8VE, will research best use of these educational monies, and report at follow-up meetings.

Banners: No action at this time. Ann suggested possibility of contacting businesses with banner ad and using the back of the banner for 50th Convention purposes. Anyone knowing such business is asked to contact and solicit a banner. Joe, WD8EOG, will follow up and report at next meeting.

Accommodations/Facilities: No action at this time, awaiting Mill contract.

Booster Page: Ann, KA8ZGY, will send solicitation letters to the WV Clubs in late spring.

VE Exams: Dirk, WD8PAD, confirms Reese will coordinate VE Exams.

WV QSO Party: Rich, K8VE, reports no one has asked to coordinate the event. His is looking for Side band and CW ops. Rich has the 2008 Rules completed; the Summary Sheet; Certificates in Power Point; and breakdown by County in process.

Souvenirs: No action at this time, Bob, WA8YCD, and Bill, WA8YCG, presented draft of lapel /hat pin. Other suggestion of pin the shape of WV with info; glassware with orders. Joe, WD8EOG, and members will do further research and bring suggestions at next meeting,

IRS Notification: Dirk, WD8PAD, reports do not need to file form 990 until after 1st of year.

Magazine Advertisement:

Patrick, N8MIN, will research cost of ads in SERA, World Radio. Etc. and notify members.

NEWS BUSINESS

ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC):

Patrick, N8MIN, and the group congratulated Bob, W8GU, on accepting the position of ARRL WV ACC. Bob reports he is contacting WV clubs, looking for liaisons while following up on Annual reports, soliciting non-affiliated clubs, and bringing in Special Services Clubs.

Bylaws Proposed Change: Dirk, WA8PAD, proposed the need for the WVSARC to define the timeframe of a year for the organization to ensure that all documents are filed appropriately. Dirk presented in writing to amend the bylaws to "Provide for physical (*fiscal*) year as calendar year". The proposed change will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Demonstrations at the Mill: It was reported that WV Wesleyan Radio Club will be presenting a demonstration at the Mill, other suggestions were Balloon Launch. More discussion next meeting.

NEXT WVSARC MEETING: 1:00 PM – January 19th, 2008, Hickory House, Weston, WV. (Route 19 and Jackson's Mill Intersection)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

(Attendance 15) - N8MIN, WD8EOG, WD8PAD; N8SWL; K8TPH; K8VE; WA8YCG; WA8YCD; K8WMX; WV8WVU, W8GU, WV3WLC, N8FXH, KC8FWD, KA8ZGY, & guest K8VE/XYL.

L. Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY

WVSARC Secretary