

# WEST VIRGINIA STATE AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL

July 12, 2003

## WVSARC ARRL CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (WVSARC) July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, WV Convention meeting was called to order by President Patrick Shea, N8MIN at the Charleston Hamfest/Coonskin Armory, Charleston, WV.

**Moment of Silence** for Silent Key Al Hix, W8AH.

**Minutes:** Secretary, Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, distributed copies of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting minutes that were reviewed, with revision of Mac, W8XF to assist with auction instead of Hal. The minutes were approved as revised.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer, Jack Kibler, K8WMX, noted the main prizes were paid and monies are coming in for reservations.

### **BUSINESS SESSION**

**Accommodation/Lodging:** Jack, K8WMX, reports the Electric Center and Main Pavilion are the only buildings reserved at this time. Lodging is available in the main lodge and Calhoun Cottage and he has sent out 30 letters related to lodging/meals. Discussion of need to reserve WV Building, since we are expecting larger attendance. It was moved by Mac, W8XF, seconded by Richard, K8VE and approved to give up the Electric Center and reserve the WV Building. Jack reports that camping facilities are limited so need to contact him by end of month and that electric to the sites is rationed. Pavilion tables are first come basis.

**ARRL Roanoke Division Director:** Patrick indicates he has spoken with Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, and Dennis is willing to provide support to the Convention in the form of a Friday evening Reception. Patrick will follow up with Dennis. The officers will coordinate the reception.

**2003 Guest Speaker:** Richard, K8VE, confirms that FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, plans on arriving on Friday afternoon and be present through the Saturday evening auction.

**Tickets and Sales:** Dirk, WD8PAD, confirms tickets are printed. Discussion related to method (stamped admission tickets, arm band, stamped ticket) for selling tickets resulting in confirmation of attendance count, and admission to forums. It was moved by Mac, W8XF seconded by Anthony, W8AF, and approved to have some form of admission proof for admission to forums. It was moved by Mac, W8XF, seconded by Ann, KA8ZGY to require no admission ticket for a students 16 or less years of age. Decision to stamp admission tickets.

**Fox Hunt:** Mac, W8XF confirms the Fox Hunt is scheduled for 9:00 AM Sunday.

**Vendors:** Richard, K8VE, reports he is awaiting confirmation.

**ARRL Publications:** Patrick reports that Dennis will bring ARRL Publications to have available for sale at the ARRL Booth if no other vendor is selling publications.

**Prizes:** Richard, K8VE reports he has prizes. Ed, N8OYY will provide hourly prizes.

**WVQSO Party:** Dave, WA8WV, reports entrants up this year but not all received. He will provide information and Plaques.

**Amateur of the Year** – Ed, N8OYY, reports he has six (6) nominations.

**ARRL Forum** – ARRL Headquarter Representatives and WV SM will coordinate.

**Auction** – Anthony, W8AF and Mac, W8XF will coordinate.

**Booklet Advertisement** – Ed, N8OYY & Patrick, N8MIN need changes and advertisements as soon as possible. This year's booklet will honor SK Al Hix, W8AH.

**Booster Page** – Ann, KA8ZGY, submitted donations to Jack and list to Ed.

**Concessions** - Patrick reports the Boy Scouts of Upshur County will provide.

**DX Program** – Hal, KC8FS reports Jay Slough, K4ZLE, 8<sup>th</sup> Area QSL Bureau Manager will provide program.

**Field Day Award** – Ed, N8OYY will update the plaque.

**Pizza Party** – Recommendation to eliminate this year, and have soft drinks/items from the reception.

**Royal Order Wouff Hong** – Olie, WD8V, and Jack, K8WMX - decision to omit this year.

**Talk-In Station/Public Address System** – Dirk, WD8PAD, reports Barbour County Club to set up similar to last year.

**Press Releases:** Hal will coordinate the releases.

**VE Exams** – Mountain State VE Team – registration at 9:00 AM.

**WAS/VUCC/DXCC/WAZ Card Checkers**– Olie, WD8V; Dave, WA8WV; and Garie, K8KFJ

**2003 Election of Officers Nominating Committee:** Richard, K8VE reports he has two candidates for President and two for Secretary. If interested in being candidate for office, contact Richard.

**OES Mobile Command Unit:** Richard reports unit to be available for the Convention.

**Special Award/Honorary Recognition:** Discussion of providing Riley with a Special Recognition Award. Hal, KC8FS will work with State Government to obtain award/recognition.

**Demonstrations- VOLUNTEER CLUBS NEEDED:::** Patrick, N8MIN and Ed, N8OYY will follow up with WV Clubs.

**ARES Cal Basham, W8NR Plaque** – Hal reports there will be a presentation this year.

**Emergency Communications Donations:** Richard, K8VE, reports the Council has received two checks (\$2,000. and \$400.) to be used for Emergency Communications throughout the state. He proposes that it is used to support Level 1, 2, & 3 Emergency Education Testing. It was moved by Richard, K8VE, seconded by Mac, W8XF, and revised/approved to provide Level 1 Testing Free at the Mill this year and the remainder monies be marked for future Emergency Training. It was proposed that a Subcommittee be appointed to Plan and Coordinate for the State. Appointed were Richard K8VE; Dirk WD8PAD; Jim (Doc) KC8MLK and Mac W8XF.

**ARRL Citizen Corps Partnership with Dept. Homeland Security -** Mac, W8XF reports he is working with the EC regarding the formation of Citizen Corps Council for the State (People Helping People), which would be a served agency for the ARRL. He indicated 14 counties are currently working on this, and all 55 counties will join the process. There will be FEMA training available.

**Insurance:** Patrick indicates he has obtained Event insurance - which is for the event only. There was some concern if this has same coverage as previous insurance.

**WVSARC Web Site:** Dennis, W8YS reports that Jerry Sybolt, K18EV has updated the web site. Members appreciate the changes.

**ARRL WV Session Report:** Hal, KC8FS reports the WV ARRL membership roster for June has dipped to below 1,000. We need to encourage new hams to join and to urge others to renew their membership.

**Review/Revision - - 2003 WV Convention Schedule**

<u>August 23, 2002 - Saturday</u>		<u>August 24, 2003 - Sunday</u>	
6:00 am	Talk-In Station – Vendor - Flea Market Setups		
7:00 am	Breakfast	7:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Ticket Sales -Pavilion	9:00 am	SKYWARN Weather Spotter Class – Lodge Bsmt
8:00 am	ARRL Booth (WAS/UCC/DXCC Checkers)-Pavilion	9:00 am	FOX HUNT - Pavilion
9:00 am	VE Exams – Lodge Basement	10:00 am	QCWA – Lodge Basement
9:00 am	Nets Meeting – WV Building	11:00 am	MARS – Lodge Basement
10:00 am	ARES/RACES Meeting – WV Building	11:00 am	DX Forum – Lodge Basement
11:00 am	ARRL Technical Forum - WV Building	12:00 Noon	Prize Drawing – Lodge Basement
12:00	Lunch		
12:45 pm	Awards Presentation (AOY/FD/WVQP) WV Bldg		
1 – 3:00 pm	FCC Forum – Riley Hollingsworth – WV Building		
3 :00 pm	Emergency Comm. Testing – WV Building		
4:00 pm	ARRL Section Forum – WV Building		
5:00 pm	Dinner		
6:00 pm	WVSARC Meeting/Election Officers – WV Building		
7:30 pm	Auction - WV Building		

**NEXT MEETING - August 23, 2003 WVU Convention Center-Jacksons Mill, Weston, WV**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. (Attendance 19 )

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