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# Central West Virginia Wireless Association

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## Executive Committee Meeting 5.19.2022

### Minutes:

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Committee was held on 5.19.2022 at Panera Bread in Clarksburg.

In attendance:

Sonny Jobe

Jason Robinson

John Lappie

Todd White

Chad Ward (by phone)

Ed Messenger

Meeting called to order by Sonny Jobe at 5:15pm

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss if the recent resignations of Ed Messenger at position of president and Derek Long at the position of executive committee member would be accepted by the executive committee.

The group heard from Ed Messenger:

Ed explained that he had a private meeting with Sonny Jobe and Dick Fowler to discuss some of the reasons for his resignation letter.

He stated that he would like the club as a whole to come together more and be as one big team. Everyone in the club should always treat others the way they would like to be treated. He feels that the club is currently at a turning point. The club as a whole needs to figure out a way to move forward and continue the club before it becomes too much and eventually ceases to exist. We all need to make the changes for the better now.

Ed also discussed a few options for change in the bylaws of the club to change the way things are handled between the executive committee and the officers of the club. Once things are ironed out with this, it will be brought to the general membership for a vote.

He would like to find new ways for members to renew their membership to keep members in the club longer and have officers act as ambassadors to the club more than they do now.

Everyone at the meeting shared their view on confidence in Ed as president, shared their feelings about the bylaw change ideas and comments made by Ed.

As a result of this discussion, Chad Ward started the process of resigning from the executive committee and positions held in CWVWA as he did not agree with changes to the bylaws.

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## **(Minutes Cont'd)**

The group informed Chad to submit the resignation in writing to be considered.

### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Sonny Jobe, second by Todd White to not accept the resignation submitted by Ed Messenger and reinstate him as President of CWVWA.

**VOTED:** 5 votes affirmative

The group, after discussion, decided to table the resignation from Derek Long until we have a chance to contact him.

Todd White made the motion to adjourn at 6:15pm

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## Executive Committee Meeting 6.10.2022

### Minutes:

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Committee was held at Norwood Park in Nutter Fort on 6.10.2022.

In Attendance:

Ed Messenger

Sonny Jobe

Todd White

Jason Robinson

John Lappie (by phone)

Ed Messenger read through discussion points for the meeting:

We will schedule another field day meeting as soon as Ed returns from his trip to Maine. Hopefully the week prior to field day.

John Lappie discussed plans for the next POTA activation at Coopers Rock and costs associated with reserving the pavilions in that park. If there are no reservations for the day we are there, it is first come first served. John will contact the park director in the days prior to the outing to see if there is a reservation.

Ed informed the group that Craig Coonley, KE8OTW, has passed due to complications from Parkinsons. It was decided that we send a card to his family to express our sympathy. Sometime in the coming days, Ed is supposed to visit his wife and she has decided to donate some of his radio gear to the club.

The Wal-Mart gift card raffle was discussed, but the tickets are not yet printed so this will be discussed at the monthly meeting on 6.11.2022.

An inquiry was made as to the ordering status of the WV8HC repeater antenna and feedline and Ed will talk with Dick and Doug to get a check to Doug so we can get that project underway.

Ed read through the first version of a By-Laws change proposal. The document was proof read by the group and Ed will contact the By-Laws committee for further review and correction before presenting to the club for a vote.

At this point, John had some other business to attend to and the group brought 3 issues to the floor for votes before he had to leave the meeting:

First, there were two resignations that had to be voted on for acceptance: Derek Long and Chad Ward have both submitted their resignation in writing to the committee.

### MOTION:

A motion was made by Sonny Jobe, second by Jason Robinson to accept the resignations of both committee members.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS FOR (4 votes)

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## **(minutes cont'd)**

Second, Rusty Cottrill volunteered to join the executive committee for the remainder of the 2022 year.

### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Todd White, second by John Lappie to accept Rusty Cottrill as a member of the executive committee for the remainder of the 2022 year.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR (4 votes)

Jason informed the group of a need to send new members a letter informing them that they have been accepted for membership in CWVWA after they have been voted in as it seems that lately only half of new members have been paying dues after the vote. He will be drafting a letter for this and also updating the new membership application to include a birth date and also update the dues costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022

### **Call to order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA was held on June 11, 2022 at FOP Restaurant. It was called to order at 9:35am and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

### **Attendees:**

There were 27 total people in attendance. 21 were voting members, 5 were prospective new members and 1 associate member. Of the 21 voting members, 4 were club officers.

### **Approval of minutes:**

The reading of the minutes from the May 2022 Meeting, as well as the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on May 19, 2022 were read by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ.

### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept the previous month minutes as read with no additions or corrections needed.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

### **Treasurers Report:**

A Treasurers report was read by Todd White, K8SKD.

Previous month balance was \$5549.46 + deposit (dues and raffle) \$46 – debit ( ) \$77.00 = current balance of: \$5518.46

Todd also informed the club that the check has been written for the club repeater project in the amount of: \$1913.62 + \$281.53 (items plus freight shipping)

### **Health of members:**

The club heard reports about the health of members whom had issues this month: Bill Snyder, Craig Coonley (S/K), Bud Flanagan and Denver Ferrell. Please keep these members in your prayers.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Field Day Committee:** Field Day 2022 is coming up at the end of this month. Sonny mentioned that there is a list in the works for operator/logger teams for this years event. Schedule will be released on the club Facebook page as soon as it is ready. Please notify Sonny of any changes that you may need. Ed reported on the bonus point situation for this year also. Ed reported that he will try to schedule another meeting for the committee prior to field day.

**POTA Committee:** John Lappie reported that a POTA outing is upcoming for July 2022 at Coopers Rock State Park in Morgantown. He has contacted the park director and has permission for us to gather. Date was set by the membership for July 16, 2022. He also reported that if there are no reservations in one of the pavilions, we are welcome to it.

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**Special Event Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Technical Committee:** Ed reported that he has received the formal quote from Doug Cutlip at DC Computers for the supplies and the freight shipping for the 147.165 club repeater. A check has been issued to Doug to start the order. The feedline is expected to take some time to arrive.

**VE Testing Committee:** Ed reported that the committee tests every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (RT 19 in Clarksburg). This months session will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also reported that there is an ongoing Technician class at the YMCA in Clarksburg and the attendees should be ready to test soon.

**Website Committee:** Ed reported that the P.O Box for the club needs to be listed on the website. Dick Fowler suggested that we add the address to the applications for dues to be sent in or possibly add the paypal link. There were concerns of bad actors redirecting via those links on the website. Jason will redo the new member application and a new member letter to notify a new member that they have been accepted and provide directions to pay yearly dues.

**Education Committee:** Ed reported that there are plans for another installment of the Zoom educational series featuring the Director of the ARRL Roanoke Division with information pertaining to what the ARRL does for its members. He also mentioned that the Director will be in person at the WVSARC convention in late July at Flatwoods if anyone would like to attend.

The summer picnic for CWVWA was mentioned again, to be held at Norwood Park in the pavilion on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Plan to arrive between 11am and 12pm with prayer at 12pm and food and refreshments shortly after. We hope to see all club members and their families there!

**Fund Raising:** There was an original plan to have tickets for the Wal-Mart gift card raffle available to give to members at this meeting. With everything that has been going on, that was not possible. After some discussion, the members decided to postpone the drawing for the raffle until the October meeting instead of the summer picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup> to give the membership enough time to sell as many tickets as possible.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Dick Fowler, N8FMD, to postpone the raffle drawing until the October meeting.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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**501.c3 status report:** Sonny Jobe, WC8L, reported to the group that he made contact with a CPA group in regards to filing for 501.c3 status as a club. According to the CPA he spoke with, it will be thousands of dollars to have the work done. He will further investigate and contact a few more CPA's to compare rates to get this work done. Suggestions were made by Susie Jimenez and Dan Vincent for CPA groups to contact.

**ARRL Public Information Officer Report:** Nothing to report

### **New Business:**

Dick Fowler, N8FMD, reported to the club that he sold a few excess items that the club owned this year at Dayton Hamvention. Butternut Antenna: \$125, Icom 706 remote head kit: \$60, one roll of RG6 coax: \$5. Total in sales: \$190

He purchased an 80" roll of wire for the club rotor for \$50

Previously, the club agreed to purchase two small power supplies from Dick for \$40 each at a total of \$80. After everything listed, Dick provided the remaining balance of \$60 in cash to the club.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by John Lappie, K2WVU, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept the sold item figures as stated and purchase the two power supplies from Dick Fowler.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed reported that the Clarksburg YMCA has invited the local ARES members to take part in handling communications for a run/walk race taking place on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Bryan Sanders, NU8J, is the EC for Harrison County and agreed to organize something to provide communications at the event. Ed asked that anyone interested in helping please contact Bryan.

### **New member applications:**

Phillip Rogers, KB8KJB

Wil Spencer (waiting for call sign grant) Associate member

Jasper Alfred (not yet licensed) Associate member

Ross Hockenberry, KE8UVF

Robert Stout, KE8VAS

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept all 5 applicants as members.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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After the motion was made to accept the 5 new members, there was one more application for membership.

Dave Cummings (not yet licensed) Associate member

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept Dave Cummings as a member.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Todd White brought to the attention of the club that a small pop-up canopy is needed for outings and events. He would like to purchase one at Wal-Mart using club funds. A 10'x10' canopy is available at Wal-Mart for \$74.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to purchase a 10x10 pop-up canopy at Wal-Mart for club use.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

## **Net Control Stations set:**

### **Thursday Traders Net**

6.16.2022: Tim KC8QWV

6.23.2022: Bryan NU8J

6.30.2022: Ed N8OYY

7.7.2022: Sonny WC8L

### **HF 80m Net:**

6.12.2022: Dan WZ8O

**A motion to adjourn was made by Todd White, K8SKD, at 11:07am**