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Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday February 2nd, 2022

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ed Messenger

Sonny Jobe

Jason Robinson

Todd White

John Lappie

Chad Ward

Derek Long (by phone)

Meeting was held at Parkette Restaurant, Clarksburg WV

Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Ed Messenger, President, at 5:10pm with Jason Robinson as Secretary.

Ed reported to the committee the results of the recent Tech License class held in Glenville. Of the 5 participants, 2 passed the exam and 3 did not. The ARRL designed this class to be a one day class with review. He would like to make additions to the curriculum to possibly improve those numbers in future classes. He would like to make them at least a 2 day minimum. He believes holding more of these classes in the future will bring new members into the club.

Possible site to hold these classes in the future was suggested by Chad Ward. Site being the classroom space at the airport in Bridgeport. Ed will make arrangements with him to tour the site and get permission in the near future.

Chad reported again on the grants being given by the ARRL this year. He would like to come up with at least 3 ideas for application.

Todd suggested that we ask Jeff Brooks, KE8RFB, to help write the application as that is something he is experienced with.

Also, Ed would like to look into applying for 501C7 status for tax purposes, possibly making application for this in the future.

Derek called in by phone to suggest that we start looking into a monthly ZOOM presentation by an outside individual or group and that part of being a club should be bringing learning events to the members. He offered to organize these Zoom events with a possible frequency of one a month to start. John offered to help get this started as well.

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Ed suggested that Derek go ahead and move forward with the first installment of this project and we see how much response it gets from members. Derek will contact Tim Duffy, K3LR, from DX Engineering to speak first on the subject of “ Radio Contesting”.

It was suggested by Ed that we hold the first at the mid-point between our regular monthly meetings on a Saturday or Sunday morning so most have the chance to attend live if they wish. More information to come at our next club meeting after Derek gets in touch with the contact person for Tim Duffy.

Ed gave a report to the committee about the new direction the ARRL VE testing team went, in that we have moved to electronic filing of documents and we can now get upgrades and licenses to the people who pass their tests much more quickly. This first trial run it only took 4 days including the weekend for people to receive their call signs and upgrades from the FCC. Checks to the ARRL for test fees are also uploaded this way.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

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Minutes:

Call to Order:

A club meeting of the CWVWA was held on February 12, 2022 at FOP Restaurant. It began at 9:01am and was presided over by: Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as secretary.

Attendees:

There were 23 voting members in attendance and 4 guests. Of the 23 voting members, 4 officers were present. (Please see attached list)

Approval of Minutes:

After the reading of the January minutes, there was one correction brought to the attention of the club by Dick Fowler, N8FMD. As stated in previous months minutes, the secretary mistakenly stated that the Executive Committee members were automatically members of all committees. This is only true for the Field Day committee. Appointed members of committees other than the Field Day committee will ONLY include members appointed by the President.

Minutes from the February 2, 2022 Executive Committee session were also read with no corrections suggested.

MOTION:

January 2022 minutes acceptance after corrections stated above:

Motion was made by: John Lappie, K2WVU Second: Craig Coonley, KE8OTW

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's Report read by Todd White, K8SKD.

Previous balance was \$4,997.93 + \$61.26 (PayPal) + \$156.00 (Dues and Raffle)
– NO Withdrawals = Current Balance of: \$5,215.19

Old Business:

Health of members: Rick Vincent, W8AT still has ongoing health concerns. A team of club members visited him recently to help get his radio station upstairs in his home to make it accessible to him. Thank you to those who helped. He has it operational and is enjoying it once more. Jim Martin, Bill Snyder and his wife Drema also have ongoing health concerns. Denver Ferrell still has a few issues but is feeling good. He will know more after his stress test, but remains very optimistic. Please keep the health and well being of these members in your prayers.

Committee Reports:

Field Day Committee: A meeting was set for the first 2022 Field Day Committee. It will be held on: February 23, 2022 at the Parkette Restaurant, Clarksburg. Time TBD once the meeting place is secured.

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POTA Committee: It was asked by Ed Messenger that the committee members start planning on the first POTA outing for 2022. Date, Time and Location TBD. It was reported by Jason, N3LSJ, that Chad Barker did reply and has agreed to bring the scouts that are interested from his troop to a club POTA outing in the near future.

Special Events Committee: Nothing to report.

Technical Committee: Nothing to report.

VE Testing Committee: Next ARRL testing session will be held on February 24, 2022 at St. Marks Church in Clarksburg on Rt. 19. Session starts at 7pm.

Website Committee: Todd White, K8SKD, reported that he has updated the website with pictures and video's and will continue to update the info on the website. Plans are underway to update the Silent Key's page and also update submissions for corrections made by members recently.

Ed reminded all members of the Summer Picnic for the club, to be held at Norwood Park in Nutter Fort on August 20, 2022. We hope to see you all there. The picnic is scheduled to start between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Fund Raising: Ed brought up the ideas for fund raising again, the first being Wal-Mart gift card raffle and second being the Buffalo Wild Wings percentage of checks fund raiser. It was suggested by two members, Dick Fowler and John Lappie that both of these fund raising opportunities be tabled until Spring when the weather is warmer. Agreed by Ed Messenger.

Ed reminded the club that 2022 dues are now due and any members not paid by the March meeting on 3.12.2022 will need to once again apply for membership as a new member and be voted in again. Please make arrangements with Todd White, K8SKD, to pay outstanding 2022 dues to avoid this.

It was reported by Ed Messenger that Chad Ward, K8CMW, has been officially appointed the ARRL Public Information Officer to the club. Recommendation was sent to ARRL Section Manager Dan Ringer, K8WV, then forwarded by Dan to the ARRL to be made official. Everything was accepted by the league and the appointment has been made official as of February 11, 2022.

Chad reported on upcoming scheduled contests:

Int'l DX CW Contest: February 19-20

Int'l DX Phone Contest: March 5-6

Int'l Digital Contest: June 4-5

(Check the ARRL Contest Corner in QST magazine for exchanges and rules)

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New Business:

Ed Messenger reported on the previous month's Technician class in Glenville. He also reported on changes he would like to make to the format of how the class is conducted. Possibly 4 evenings and then a review and testing session following the classes. TBD at a future meeting. When the upcoming Technician class is announced, please advertise it anywhere you can (i.e. Facebook, friends, family, etc.) so we can use this to bring new members into the club.

Ed messenger created a new committee known as the Education Committee, to consist of 3 club members: Derek Long, WV8DL; Chad Ward, K8CMW & John Lappie K2WVU. The purpose of this committee will be to start up the online educational opportunities for the club.

Saturday, April 30, 2022 will be the first installment of the ZOOM series. It starts at 12:00pm and will feature a talk from Tim Duffy, K3LR, from DX Engineering. He will discuss contesting and demonstrate his contest station.

ARRL Grant opportunity was brought to the attention of club members again by Ed Messenger and Chad Ward. Opportunity for suggestions by members was opened for discussion as to what we should apply for. Feedline and a new antenna was mentioned for our club repeater.

Guidelines for the grant are that it needs to benefit the community. Grant considerations open in April 2022 and we need to have a plan together before then so we can be at the front of the line.

Motion:

A motion was made by Gene Rogers, W8EWR, Second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, that we pursue the grant with the ARRL Foundation and if it is not pursued this year then we will pursue the club repeater upgrades to the antenna and feedline ourselves with club funds.

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed Messenger brought an idea to the club for consideration. He explained that the State Radio Council has 501(c7) status with the State Secretary's Office here in West Virginia and explained the difference between 501(c3) and 501(c7) status for tax purposes. This status will allow the club to purchase things without incurring tax and will also simplify the filing of taxes every year. This would also allow any donated items to the club to be written off for the value of the item by the person donating as a charitable contribution. All that we would have to do for filing taxes after receiving this status, is file a form with the State Secretary's office and then file a Form 990 with the IRS as part of yearly income tax filings. He would like to further explore this option. Sonny Jobe, WC8L, brought additional information to the club about Smile.Amazon.com wherein Amazon users can donate one half of a percent of all money spent on goods on the site to a non-profit organization of their choosing. So that could bring additional funds to the club in that way as well. He mentioned that it could add up to be a significant donation to the club from Amazon every year. Ed Messenger agreed to pursue these ideas and start the applications for status that will best suit the club.

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Applications for new membership:

Four applications for new membership were brought to the club for a vote, to include:

Robin Leeper, KE8SLF

Eric Stemple, WV8ET

Mitchell Sponagle, KE8TOK

Greg Renzelli, Associate Member (waiting for call)

Motion:

A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD; Second by Chad Ward, K8CMW, To accept all four applicants as members of the club.

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Dick Fowler, N8FMD, asked if the club had any sort of database to store the names, callsigns and date of applications for new members that apply. Todd agreed to update his information for members to include their address and give access to the secretary.

Dick Fowler, N8FMD, brought to the attention of the club that we still hold possession of an ICOM 706 MkII radio as part of a previous donation to the club. He suggested to the club that we keep that radio for future use at Field Day events and club outings as a backup radio.

Motion:

A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD; Second by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, that we keep the ICOM 706 MkII radio as backup for club events.

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Net Control Stations set:

Thursday Night Traders Net:

2.17.2022: Derek, WV8DL

2.24.2022: Tim, KC8QWV

3.03.2022: Todd, K8SKD

3.10.2022: Jason, N3LSJ

80m Phone Net to be held directly following the WV Phone net on 3.810, 2.13.2022 at 5:30pm

Net Control: Derek, WV8DL

All participants are encouraged to check-in to the WV phone net as well.

All members were invited by Ed, N8OYY, to participate in the Multi-County ARES Net held on the statewide HAMTALK System every Tuesday night at 9pm

Raffle was won by Beau Lane, son of Jeremy Lane, WS8H, a 50/50 cash raffle

Motion: Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:13am made by Sonny Jobe, WC8L; Second by Denver Ferrell, KE8NVA