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# Central West Virginia Wireless Association

Clarksburg, WV 26301  
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## Monthly Meeting Minutes January 14, 2023

### **Call to order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA was held on January 14, 2023 at FOP Restaurant. It was called to order at 9:02am and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

**Attendees:** There were 22 total people in attendance consisting of 19 voting members and 3 guests. There were 4 officers present at this meeting. (Please see attached list)

### **Approval of prior meeting minutes:**

**MOTION:** Before previous minutes were read aloud, a motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, to suspend the reading and accept minutes as posted on the website for the December 2022 general meeting and also the January 2023 Executive Council meeting.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

### **Treasurer's Report:**

A treasurer's report was read aloud by Treasurer Todd White, K8SKD, for the previous month. Starting balance was \$4839.70 and ending balance was \$5001.58 (Please see attached ledger for a detailed list of all credits and debits)

A 2023 annual budget expectation list was also read aloud by Todd White, K8SKD.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept the treasurer's report and 2023 budget as read.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed Messenger then reminded everyone of the current 2023 dues payments. Dues need to be paid by the March 2023 meeting. Please contact Todd White, remit payment by mail or visit the website to pay online

### **Health of members:**

The club heard health reports and updates for members: Kathryn Calabria, KE8UKM; Ed White, KC8HDI; Denver Ferrel, KE8NVA; Bill Snyder, N8BBD and his wife Drema; Bud Flanagan, WV8REX; Please keep all these members in your prayers and thoughts.

### **Committee Reports:**

(All committees are appointed chairpersons at this meeting for year 2023)

**Field Day 2023:** A meeting will be scheduled for February 2023 to start discussions. Ed Messenger appointed Chairman for this committee for year 2023

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**Insurance Policy Committee:** Ed will leave members the same. He is still gathering info and is in contact with the new insurance company to make the changeover. More info TBD at next months meeting.

**Parks on the Air Committee:** No new report at this time. Jason Robinson and Sonny Jobe appointed Co-Chairmen for year 2023.

**Special Events Committee:** Nothing new to report. Todd White appointed Chairman for year 2023.

**Technical Committee:** Nothing new to report at this time. Dick Fowler appointed Chairman for year 2023.

**VE Testing Committee:** Testing will continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at St. Marks Lutheran Church (Route 19 in Clarksburg) beginning at 7pm. Ed Messenger and Sonny Jobe appointed Co-Chairmen for year 2023.

**Website Committee:** No new report at this time. Todd White appointed Chairman for year 2023.

**Social Media Committee:** No new report at this time. Patrick Clark appointed Chairman for year 2023.

## **Educational Suggestions:**

Ed talked about holding a C4FM education session. He asked that Dick Fowler and Bryan Sanders hold this session one evening in the near future. Session to be held on the second Thursday of an upcoming month. Exact date TBD at a future meeting.

Ed would like to have a class on antenna building, namely a dipole build where club members can cover the small cost of supplies to build the antenna and get together and build one. Bryan Sanders offered to head that session. Date for session TBD.

Ed would like to have a class on the proper way to radio contest. To be held sometime before Field Day 2023. Dick Fowler offered to head that session. Possible dates and schedule TBD.

Patrick Clark suggested possibly having a "Cram Course" developed for license testing for new hams. Pros and cons were heard on the subject. Ultimately it was decided against by the group. Ed suggested that if anyone would like to personally take on that project, they are more than welcome to.

Ed mentioned again a reminder that the CWVWA Summer Picnic is scheduled for August 19, 2023 at the Clarksburg City Park in Nutter Fort.

## **Public Information Officer Report:**

The group heard from Patrick Clark on the recently acquired public Facebook page and results from it concerning advertisement for the newest YMCA Technician class and general public interaction on the page. More TBD in the future.

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### Insurance Update:

Ed updated the group on the insurance policy company change findings. He told the group that he was initially told that we did not need serial numbers, model numbers and dollar amounts for insured equipment under the new policy but when he started the application process he was asked for this information. He is currently working with Todd White to get all that information and then will submit the application.

### New Business:

Dan Vincent took the floor to make a motion.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, to allow any VE with ARRL credentials to attend and examine tests at our test sessions sponsored by CWVWA.

A discussion was had by the group about this changing a past motion voted on by the club.

**VOTED:** 18 YAY, 1 NAY \*MOTION CARRIES BY MAJORITY

### Meeting with Sheriff Matheny:

Recently, Ed met with Sheriff Matheny to further discuss the idea of having a space he could let the club use for storage, classes, meetings, ETC.

He informed the club that in early January he was finally able to meet with the Sheriff and see the space located in the old DHHR building in Clarksburg on Pike Street. Ed informed the group that we would have to sign a use agreement and move some furniture but it would suit our needs well, at no cost to the club. Ed will be obtaining keys very soon and the club will review the agreement shortly after. More info TBD at next months meeting.

### 501c3 Status discussion:

Ed brought up the idea of the club obtaining 501c3 status again. In the past the club voted to not move forward with the idea because it would be very cost prohibitive. After discussing with the Morgantown ARC and finding that it would probably only cost around \$400 (instead of the past quote of \$4000 via a CPA) if done ourselves, he felt the discussion should be opened again. He explained the steps needed to complete this project and informed the group that he would like to form a committee to do so.

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**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, second by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, to reopen discovery into the club obtaining 501c3 status.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

## **Volunteers on the Air ARRL event:**

Bryan Sanders, NU8J, presented to the group a year long 2023 on air event that is being held by the ARRL. It is called Volunteers on the air and operators can have the chance to work elected officers with the ARRL and also portable stations from each section and state (during their allotted time and week throughout the year) using the call W1AW/(0-9) for points. The week allotted for West Virginia (using the call W1AW/8) is June 14-20, 2023. Bryan will be setting up a schedule for operating that week, so if you would like to take part please contact him ASAP.

## **Club apparel ordering:**

Todd White, K8SKD, passed out order forms for ordering of club apparel due at the February meeting. Please if ordering, only pay by cash or check and not PayPal due to fees being taken when paying that way.

## **Bylaws Change suggestion:**

It was proposed by Todd White, K8SKD, a bylaws change concerning (article 9, section 3) payment of half the dues amount if paid after July in the year. He posted a link on the club Facebook page and also a link on the club website to explain this in detail. Please read and attend the February meeting to have your voice/vote heard on the matter as pursuant to current bylaws.

## **Club Trailer Build:**

Patrick Clark, K8TAC, along with Todd White, K8SKD, brought to the club a suggestion that was previously discussed in an Executive Council meeting. They would like to build a folding table and storage in the club owned trailer with the graphics on it. They provided a drawing of the proposed build and a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Todd White, K8SKD, to ask the club to allow them to begin the process of the build in the trailer according to drawings provided, with a maximum cost of \$600.

(Motion amended by Patrick Clark after discussion to include:) Drawings will be put online for member review and a vote will be held at the next monthly meeting to decide if it will move forward.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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## **New Member Applications:**

There was one application made for membership consideration:

Carson Strother KE8WGI

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, to accept applicant as full member of CWVWA.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

The club would like to thank Dick Fowler, N8FMD, and Bryan Sanders, NU8J, for donating the raffle items for this month's meeting fundraiser.

## **Net Control Stations Set:**

**80m HF Net:** WZ8O Dan

## **Thursday Night Traders Net:**

1.19.2023: KC8QWV Tim

1.26.2023: NU8J Bryan

2.2.2023: K8SKD Todd

2.9.2023: KE8UVF Ross

**A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Clark at 10:31am**

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## Executive Council Minutes January 2, 2023

### **Call to order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Council was held on January 2, 2023 at FOP Restaurant in Clarksburg. It was called to order at 6:10pm and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ as Secretary.

### **Attendees:**

Ed Messenger, N8OYY  
Sonny Jobe, WC8L  
Todd White, K8SKD  
Jason Robinson, N3LSJ  
Patrick Clark, K8TAC  
Dan Vincent, WZ8O  
Rusty Cottrill, NV8K

### **Agenda:**

The purpose of this meeting was to get the newly elected members together to discuss 2023 yearly objectives that the group would like to accomplish.

Ed informed the group that a Technician class will be starting in early January and also talked to the group about mentoring and bringing in new hams, showing friends excitement about the hobby and possibly bringing them in to enjoy amateur radio.

The group discussed the upcoming ARRL operation using the W1AW/8 call with portable and home stations. More TBD at the next general meeting.

Ed revisited the idea of obtaining 5013c status for the club. He has made some contacts with a Morgantown radio club and has learned a DIY method to accomplish this instead of the cost prohibitive method via a CPA group. Also TBD at the next club meeting.

Ed informed the group of a set meeting with Sherriff Matheny in Clarksburg on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>. The purpose will be to discuss a storage area for club equipment in their newly acquired building at the former DHHR site downtown in Clarksburg.

Ed set a date with Todd to perform the club financial review this week for year 2022, as set forth by the recent bylaw additions.

Ed talked about starting to plan for Field Day 2023 and assembling a new committee for preparations in the very near future.

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A project was discussed by the group to build out one of the club owned trailers into a communications trailer. Plans to be drawn up by Todd White and discussed at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

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4 officers  
(19 voting members)  
3 guests

Monthly Meeting Attendance Roster:

Meeting Date: 1-14-2023

Name: <u>Dick Fowler</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FMD</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Janece Fowler</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FV3</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>John Lappie</u>	Callsign: <u>K2WVU</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Bryan Sanders</u>	Callsign: <u>N8BS</u>	Email: _____
* Name: <u>Eli Sanders</u>	Callsign: <u>Guest</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Dan Vincent</u>	Callsign: <u>WZ80</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Patrick Clark</u>	Callsign: <u>K8TAC</u>	Email: <u>k8tac@outlook.com</u>
- Name: <u>Todd White</u>	Callsign: <u>K8SKD</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Michael Baher</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8VUN</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Ed Rollins</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8VUNJ</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Michael J Talkington</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FWD</u>	Email: <u>N8fwd@Hotmail.com</u>
- Name: <u>Ed Messenger</u>	Callsign: <u>N8014</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>PHIL ROGERS</u>	Callsign: <u>K8YKJB</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Jeremy Lane</u>	Callsign: <u>W88H</u>	Email: _____
* Name: <u>CARSON SYROTHER</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8WGT</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>HAL SICKLES</u>	Callsign: <u>K0Y0CE</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Rusty Cottrell</u>	Callsign: <u>NV8K</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Rogers E.W</u>	Callsign: <u>W8ENR</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Ross Henderson</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8UVF</u>	Email: _____
* Name: <u>ED BOSCO</u>	Callsign: _____	Email: <u>EDWARD.BOSCO@GMAIL.COM</u>
- Name: <u>Sonny Jobe</u>	Callsign: <u>W18L</u>	Email: _____
- Name: <u>Jason Robinson</u>	Callsign: <u>N3CVS</u>	Email: _____
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION**  
 DECEMBER 10, 2022 - JANUARY 14, 2023

<b>WESBANCO</b>		
Balance on Hand 12/10/2022		\$4,839.70
<b>INCOME (DEPOSITS)</b>		This Month
Member Dues		\$300.00
Donations		\$50.00
Monthly Raffle		\$98.00
Transfer from Paypal		\$192.93
<b>Total Wesbanco Income</b>		<b>\$640.93</b>
<b>EXPENCES (DEBTS)</b>		
Check 2021	Ed Messenger, Reimbursement for Ladys Christmas Door Prize	\$70.96
Check 2022	Todd White, Reimbursement for Mens Christmas Door Prize	\$122.45
Debt Card	Harbour Freight, Storage Boxes for Radios	\$285.64
<b>Total Wesbanco Expences</b>		<b>\$479.05</b>
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>		<b>\$5,001.58</b>
<b>Paypal</b>		
Balance on Hand 12/10/2022		\$0.00
<b>INCOME (DEPOSITS)</b>		This Month
Member Dues		\$205.00
Donations		\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>EXPENCES (DEBTS)</b>		
Paypal Fees		\$12.07
Transfer To Wesbanco		\$192.93
<b>Total Paypal Expences</b>		<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>Paypal Balance</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND 01/14/2023</b>		<b>\$5,001.58</b>

Central West Virginia Wireless Association 2023 Budget

Purpose	Amount paid in 2022	Expected amount in 2023
Trailer and Liability Insurance	\$440.41	\$450.00
Post Office Box	\$77.00	\$77.00
Field Day Expences food and Fuel	\$371.13	\$400.00
Picnic Supplies	\$39.55	\$100.00
Gift Card for Christmas Party	\$193.41	\$200.00
Food for POTA Events	\$59.57	\$100.00
Tower Climbers		\$750.00
Total	\$1,181.07	\$2,077.00

Current Balance	\$5,001.58
Expected budget to be paid out	\$2,077.00
Excess funds for 2022	\$2,924.58