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# Central West Virginia Wireless Association

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes May 13, 2023

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the CWVWA was held on May 13, 2023 at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort. The meeting was called to order at 9:07am and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

**Attendance:** There was a total of 35 people present, made up of 28 voting members and 7 guests or associate members. There were 3 officers present at this meeting.

### **Approval of prior month's minutes:**

Before the April monthly minutes were read aloud, there was a motion made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by John Lappie, K2WVU, to suspend the reading of the minutes from the April 2023 monthly meeting and approve as posted online.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Secretary Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, read aloud the Executive Council meeting minutes from April 30, 2023.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept the April 2023 Executive Council minutes as read.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Secretary Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, read aloud the minutes from the May 9, 2023 Executive Council meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Todd White, K8SKD, to accept minutes from the May 9, 2023 Executive Council meeting as read.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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

A financial report was read aloud by Treasurer Todd White, K8SKD, for the previous month. Beginning balance was \$4822.96 and ending balance was \$5157.93 (please see attached financial report for all debits and credits).

With no questions about this report, the president let it stand as presented.

**Health of Members:** The club heard reports and updates on the health of the following members: Phil, KB8KJB/sk; Bud Flanagan, WV8REX/sk; Bill Snider, N8BBD;

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

The wife of Fred Zinn, KE8VGP; Jasper Alfred; Mike Baher, KE8VNN; and Denver Ferrell, KE8NVA. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Field Day 2023:** The committee met at the proposed field day site for 2023. Lincoln Middle School will allow us to hold our event in their parking lot in Shinnston this year to hopefully attract more public visitors. It looks like this will be the set venue for the 2023 event. Ed and Rodd Tenney got together and repaired the donated Cushcraft beam used at Field Day.

**Insurance Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**501c3 Committee:** Ed Messenger reported to the club that all applications for the 501c3 tax status for a non-profit organization have been approved by state and federal tax services. He filed the approval letter with the Secretary of the club.

**POTA Committee:** Jason Robinson reported that June is a busy time for Ham Radio with Field Day and preparations, so the committee will look to schedule an outing in late July 2023. Reports were made about the April 2023 being a great success.

**Special Event Committee:** Dan Vincent asked for volunteers to prepare and organize the dinner to be served at Field Day 2023.

**Technical Committee:** Nothing to report.

**VE Testing Committee:** The monthly test session for CWVWA is scheduled for Thursday May 25, 2023 at the Clubhouse (633 Pike St., Clarksburg) at 7pm. The club heard reports on the ongoing Technician Class being completed and 4 new Technician Licenses were awarded as a result.

**Website Committee:** Todd White reported that all dates and information have been updated.

**Fund Raising:** Patrick Clark reported to the club options for fund raising with our newly awarded 501c3 status. He talked about the club looking into obtaining Raffle License through the State of WV Tax Office. Options were a one time license for \$50 (60 day wait to start raffle) or a yearly license for \$500 (initial 60 day wait and hold as many raffles as we want). This license would be used to hold "Tip-Board" Raffles.

It was discussed that the club hold just a couple raffles yearly and the one time license would suit our needs. A motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Rusty Cottrill, NV8K, to allow the club to apply for a one time (\$50) raffle license with the state.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed reported that the summer picnic is set for August 19<sup>th</sup>, Clarksburg City Park, in Nutter Fort. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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Ed reported to the club on the success of the SkyWarn Spotters Workshop held at the CWVWA Clubhouse last month. It was well attended and thank you to everyone who attended.

Ed reported to the club on the success of the Dipole Building Workshop also held at the CWVWA Clubhouse. It was also well attended with around 18 people in attendance and fun was had by all. Again, thank you to all who made this a success.

Ed asked for ideas from members on future workshops.

Ed announced a discussion group to be held at the CWVWA Clubhouse on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am to teach Contesting Skills. All are welcome to attend, you do not have to be a club member.

**PIO Report:** Patrick Clark reported to the club that we are entering into the busiest 3 months of the year for Amateur Radio: Dayton Hamvention is going to be held starting 5.19.2023, Contests: WVQSO Party, Field Day, ARQSO Party, please visit ARRL Website for more info on upcoming contests. He reported that the ARRL VOTA event for WV will be coming up in late June also and they are looking for volunteers to operate W1AW/8 stations. Please plan to get involved in any of these events to show support for Amateur Radio.

He also talked on the subject of the club Facebook page being private and asked for approval to make the private group only open to members of CWVWA. The club public page will not be affected. After discussion, it was decided to make a motion regarding rule changes with the private Facebook group:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, second by Mike Baher, KE8VNN, to post on our private facebook group that current members of the group must become members in good standing of CWVWA within 30 days and all new applicants to the group must become members in good standing first before approval.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Patrick also requested of the club to photograph and email him the photos of anything club related to: [K8TAC@Outlook.com](mailto:K8TAC@Outlook.com), photos will be used in a newly started digital club scrapbook.

## **New Member Applications:**

Todd LaNeve, KE8YEU

Ed Gall, KE8YEW

Chris Daugherty, KE8WWS

Susanne Hager, KE8WWR

Steve Wilson, WB8III

Harold Flower and Melissa Flower (wife), Associate Members

A motion was made:

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**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dave Morris, K1WVA, to accept these new applicants as members of CWVWA.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed further discussed the situation with Dick Fowler requesting the return of his power cables and distribution box. It was shown to the club that the items in question were discussed as a donation to the club in the notes of Field Day 2021 committee meeting taken down by Ed Messenger. However they are not noted in any formal minutes posted online from a club meeting. After some discussion, a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, that the power cables and power breakout box being requested by Dick Fowler be returned to him after a written request is provided to the club. In addition, a document must be signed by Mr. Fowler stating that CWVWA no longer holds any additional equipment that belongs to him before these said items are returned.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

### **Clubhouse Internet Service:**

Todd White, K8SKD presented to the club a quote from Frontier Internet for service at the Clubhouse in the amount of \$49 plus taxes monthly. After discussion, a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Greg Renzelli, KE8TXV, to allow the club to start internet service at the clubhouse not to exceed \$60 monthly.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

An additional consideration was presented to the club by Ed Messenger, N8OYY, for the installation and purchase of a mini split unit for heating and air conditioning of the meeting room at the clubhouse. After discussion, a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Hal Sickles, W8HAL, to move forward with the purchase of a combo heating air conditioning unit not to exceed \$800 to be installed at the CWVWA Clubhouse.

**MOTION AMENDED:** To allow the Executive Council to research the purchase of a unit with the same \$800 cap.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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## **Net Control Stations Set:**

### **Sunday HF Net:**

5.14: Dan, WZ8O

### **Thursday Night Traders Net:**

5.18: Tim, KC8QWV

5.25: Mack KE8LXQ

6.1: Ed, N8OYY

6.8: Ross, KE8UVF

**Motion to adjourn at 10:22am**

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## Executive Council Minutes May 9, 2023

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Council was held via Zoom Meeting on May 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 4:55pm and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

### **In Attendance:**

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

Ed Messenger brought information to the group about a request from Dick Fowler, N8FMD, claiming that the club does not own the electrical breakout box and long power cables normally used at Field Day events. He has threatened to send a request to the club in the form of a registered letter and if the equipment is not returned, then take the club to court to sue for his belongings. Upon investigation of prior published minutes Ed could not find the donation of the equipment noted, however he does have notes from a Field Day committee meeting in 2021 where the equipment was noted by Mr. Fowler as a donation to the club. It was the general consensus of the group to go ahead and return the cables and electrical breakout box he is claiming is his. Ed will make arrangements after a written request is made. It was also the consensus of the group that the club request he sign some sort of document stating that he has received all of his equipment from the club and the club no longer has anything of his at the time the equipment is returned.

Ed Messenger and Jason Robinson also brought information to the group of a request from Doug Cutlip, KX8T, to obtain the audio recordings of the Executive Council meeting from July 2022 held at Dan Vincent's home attended by Dick Fowler and also the April 2023 General meeting.

Discussion was had by the Executive Council and a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, second by Sonny Jobe, to not share audio recordings of the meetings requested.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed commented on the dipole building workshop held on May 6, 2023, stating it was a success and we had over 15 people attend with comments from others on facebook page that they would attend should there be another class scheduled. Thanks to all who attended and organized the event.

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## Monthly Meeting Attendance Roster:

Meeting Date: 5-13-2023

Name: <u>Jason Robinson</u>	Callsign: <u>N3LST</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Eol Rowins</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8VNJ</u>	Email: <u>wvbusd river@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>Michael Baher</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8VNN</u>	Email: <u>GrumpyBaher@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>Jeremy Lane</u>	Callsign: <u>W88H</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>LEON LUCAS</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8CBQ</u>	Email: <u>julle02_leone@aol.com</u>
Name: <u>GRETA RENZELLI</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8TYV</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>John Lappie</u>	Callsign: <u>K2WVU</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>CARSON STROTHER</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8W6I</u>	Email: <u>CAKCA932@MSO.COM</u>
Name: <u>HAL Sickles</u>	Callsign: <u>W8HAL</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Susie Jimenez</u>	Callsign: _____	Email: <u>mahaliasmon@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>BILL EVERITT</u>	Callsign: <u>W1WRE</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>DENVER FERRELL</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8NVA</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>MACK MORRIS</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8LYQ</u>	Email: <u>BIGMACK1953@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>ED WHITE</u>	Callsign: <u>KC8HA1</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Dan VINCENT</u>	Callsign: <u>W280</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>ROD TRACY</u>	Callsign: <u>WJ8L</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>DAVE MORRIS</u>	Callsign: <u>K1WVA</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Kelly Flint</u>	Callsign: <u>NM7H</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Kelli Flint - Guest</u>	Callsign: _____	Email: _____
Name: <u>Rusty Cottrell</u>	Callsign: <u>NV8K</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Todd White</u>	Callsign: <u>K8SKD</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Patrick Clark</u>	Callsign: <u>K8TAL</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Ed Messenger</u>	Callsign: <u>W80Y</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>ED BOSCO</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8WLX</u>	Email: <u>EDWARD.BOSCO@GMAIL.COM</u>
Name: <u>Ross Holkenborg</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8WVF</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>HAROLD FLOWER</u>	Callsign: <u>GUEST</u>	Email: <u>DEXTER7154@GMAIL.COM</u>
Name: <u>Jim Cummings</u>	Callsign: <u>Guest</u>	Email: <u>Cummings3905@aol.com</u>
Name: <u>SUZIE HEGGER</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8WWR</u>	Email: <u>SUSANNEHEGGER422@GMAIL.COM</u>

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Meeting Date: 5-13-2023

Name: <u>Jeff Brub</u>	Callsign: <u>WV81K</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Michael J Talkington</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FWD</u>	Email: <u>N8FWD@Hotmail.com</u>
Name: <u>Randy Posey</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8QYY</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Steve Wilson</u>	Callsign: <u>WB0JII</u>	Email: <u>steveth59@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>Michael Fink</u>	Callsign: <u>KD2K6A</u>	Email: <u>MICHAELFINK@DOKEFINK.COM</u>
Name: <u>KATHRYN CALABRIA</u>	Callsign: <u>KE8UKY</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Tim Schoenfelder</u>	Callsign: <u>K0OTFL</u>	Email: <u>tim@timschoenfelder.com</u>
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA WIRELESS**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
April 8, 2023 - May 13, 2023

**WESBANCO**

Balance on Hand 4/8/23 \$4,822.96

**INCOME (DEPOSITS)**

This Month

Member Dues	6 Individual	\$120.00	
Donations		\$0.00	
Monthly Raffle		\$78.00	
Transfer from Paypal		\$18.81	
Shirt Money		\$86.00	
Amazon	Return Credit for 3d Printer Filament	\$41.72	
Antenna Class		\$350.00	
<b>Total Wesbanco Income</b>			<b>\$694.53</b>

**EXPENCES (DEBTS)**

Amazon	Rain Guage To Give Away at Weather Spoter Class	\$35.34	
Oliverios Florest	Flowers for Bud Flanigan's Funeral	\$49.22	
IRS	501c3 Application Fee	\$275.00	

**Total Wesbanco Expences** **\$359.56**

**Wesbanco Balance** **\$5,157.93**

**Paypal**

Balance on Hand 4/8/23 \$0.00

**INCOME (DEPOSITS)**

This Month

Member Dues	1 Individual Membership	\$20.00	
Donations		\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$20.00</b>

**EXPENCES (DEBTS)**

Paypal Fees		\$1.19	
Transfer To Wesbanco		\$18.81	

**Total Paypal Expences** **\$20.00**

**Paypal Balance** **\$0.00**

**BALANCE ON HAND 05/13/23** **\$5,157.93**

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## Executive Council Meeting Minutes May 31, 2023

**Call to order:** A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Council was held on May 31, 2023, virtually via Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

### **In Attendance:**

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

Not in attendance was Sonny Jobe, WC8L due to vacation

### **Raffle Update:**

Ed Messenger called the meeting to discuss a few things with the council, first being the updates on our quest to gain the right to hold raffles as a club. Todd White has been in contact with the State Tax Department and was sent a form by them called a TSD-446 Charity Raffle document. He explained to the group the recent findings in that document will allow us to hold charity raffles without having to apply for a raffle license from the state tax department, provided we stick to a few stipulations found within:

- 1: The club makes less than \$15,000.00 per year holding raffles
- 2: Giveaway amounts can not exceed \$4,000.00 per raffle
- 3: The organization must have been in existence for at least one calendar year
- 4: Organization must hold 501c3 tax status
- 5: Online sales of tickets to said raffle can only be sold to residents of this state

Those stipulations taken into account, The group decided to move forward with the first CWVWA Tip Board Raffle, to be held online using Facebook.

### **Return of Dick Fowler's Equipment:**

Newly discovered information was brought to the group by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, regarding the ownership of equipment being returned to Dick Fowler, N8FMD. Discovered in the minutes binder from January 2019 was an equipment list compiled by Mr. Fowler and turned over to then Secretary Bryan Sanders, NU8J, that showed the equipment in question as donated to the club in July of 2018. July 2018 minutes reflect that Mr. Fowler "Talked about cost of items donated to the club". This led Jason to believe that the club did in fact own said items that the club had previously voted to return to Mr. Fowler due to no documentation showing ownership or donation.

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Ultimately it was decided by the group to move forward past these issues and return the cables and breakout box being requested by Mr. Fowler. Ed and Jason will meet with him ASAP to see this happens and have the letter signed by Mr. Fowler.

### **WV8HC Call Trustee change:**

It was brought to the group by Ed Messenger that Dick Fowler, N8FMD, is still listed with the FCC as Trustee of the club call, WV8HC. It was discussed by the group that we change the Trustee to another officer. Ed already being the trustee of another club call with another organization could not be assigned trustee for this call. Sonny Jobe, Vice President, is the trustee for K8DF and can not be assigned trustee to two calls as well. Jason suggested that Todd White be trustee, Todd suggested that Jason be trustee.

Ultimately a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to assign Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Trustee for the CWVWA club call WV8HC.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm