



Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday March 10th, 2022

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ed Messenger
Todd White
Jason Robinson
Chad Ward

Meeting was held at Panera Bread, Clarksburg WV

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Ed Messenger, President, at 5:24pm with Jason Robinson as Secretary.

Ed discussed with the committee that a Technical License Class was being planned currently. Pat Chumley, K8PEC, helped to secure a classroom meeting space at the YMCA on Lowndes Hill in Clarksburg. It is planned to have two classes in the evenings to go over the information needed for the license and then a third session for review and testing. It was planned to have the classes on March 15th, 17th and then test on the 19th, but with little time to advertise and prior engagements it is now planned to start on March 22nd.

It was also discussed that there is a bad snow storm coming to the area on March 12th and a decision will be made the morning of as to whether or not we will hold a regular monthly meeting due to the weather. A decision will be made by 7am the morning of.

Membership dues reminder letters were sent out to 2021 year members that have not renewed as of the February meeting and Todd will forward info to Jason for an update to the 2022 member list and address list.

Ed asked for suggestions to advertise the Technician Class to reach more people to attend. Suggestions included local grocery store/convenience store postings and a Facebook posting in the West Virginia Amateur Radio group. If there are further suggestions please forward to Ed Messenger.

The Lifetime Membership offering was discussed again. The idea discussed was to have a \$200.00 lifetime membership option for members. This will be discussed

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at the monthly meeting on March 12th, 2022.

ARRL Section Manager Dan Ringer, K8WV, plans to attend our monthly meeting on March 12th, 2022. Dan has an idea for the ARRL Grant Application to possibly be sponsored by the West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council and benefit all the amateur radio clubs in West Virginia.

Chad discussed that he has finished interviewing Denver Ferrell for a member spotlight story on the website. Todd will make a space to host this feature permanently on the club webpage.

Ed discussed the offer from Sheriff Robert Matheny to provide a meeting space for gatherings at the new building in downtown Clarksburg. He will contact Mr. Matheny to explore that possibility further. Planned use for the space to be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

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Monthly Meeting Minutes April 09, 2022

Call to Order:

A club meeting of the CWVWA was held on April 09, 2022 at FOP Restaurant. It was called to order at 9:10am and was presided over by: Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as secretary.

Attendees:

There were 22 voting members in attendance, to include 4 officers. There were also 6 guests in attendance to include 3 prospective new members. (Please see attached list)

Approval of Minutes:

The reading of the previous month's minutes (February 2022 as there was no meeting in March 2022), along with the March 2022 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, were read by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ

MOTION:

A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J and 2nd made by John Lappie, K2WVU to accept the minutes as read with no additions or corrections needed.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS FOR

Treasurers Report:

A Treasurers Report was read by Todd White, K8SKD

Deposit of \$298.00, debits totaling \$469.37, PayPal Transfer of \$61.26

Leaves a total of \$5232.36 in the account

Health of Members:

Ed reported on the two members, Jim Martin and Rick Vincent that recently became silent keys. He thanked everyone who was able to attend both viewings and also the members who went to the funerals. Ed asked for updates on Bill and Drema Snyder, Bud Flanagan and Denver Ferrel and the only information available at the time was that Denver has an appointment with a new Heart Specialist in the near future.

Committee Reports:

Field Day Committee: Ed reported that there had already been one meeting concerning the planning for the 2022 Field Day event. Plans are underway to hold another meeting, time and date TBD. Dick Fowler suggested that for this next meeting the committee should meet at the field day site, Ruth Field. The committee needs to work out placement of the antennas, stations and look over the site to plan for the day.

Parks on the Air Committee: Jason reported that the first 2022 POTA outing for the club will be held on April 23 at Pricketts Fort State Park in Fairmont, WV. Set up will start around 11am and we should be on the air by 12pm. All are invited to come early at 11am to help set up for the day. We will operate from 12pm to 5pm. The site for operating will be in through the main gate of the park, past the Fort on the right and down to the big parking lot at the end of the road. There are picnic tables and grills available and also trees for the antennas. Todd will get hot dogs for lunch.

Technical Committee: Nothing to report

VE Testing Committee: Ed reported that this month the club will be sponsoring two ARRL test sessions, the first being held April 14th ahead of the new FCC fee implementation. The second session will be held as usual on the fourth Thursday of the month, being April 28th. Ed and Derek reported that there have been clarifications made to the fees recently.

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The way the clarifications read as of now, require the individual to pay a \$35 fee for the first testing, then a \$35 fee to have a vanity call change. There will be no additional fee for a license upgrade or an address change. There will be a \$35 fee for license renewals every 10 years. John reported that with vanity calls, there will be a fee even if you are not awarded the specific call you want, so be sure to list backup choices so it does not get expensive.

Website Committee: Todd reported that the website information should be up to date except for the Silent Key information. He also reported that the Solar Terrestrial Data Widget by NONBH has been added to the website.

Education Committee: Derek reported that the first installment of the ZOOM Educational Series will take place on April 30, 2022. This installment will feature a talk from Tim Duffy, K3LR, for one hour about his extensive contest station and radio contesting. Derek will send out email invites before April 24th for a test zoom training session on April 24th at 6pm to test the connections prior to the actual event. Then invites will be sent after that to attend the actual event on April 30th. A link will also be posted to the club Facebook page. Be sure that Jason has your up to date email information so you can get the invite. Also, if you do not see the invite be sure to check your Junk/Spam folder and make sure it did not go there. Also, if anyone has any friends in the hobby that would like to attend, please send their email to Derek or Jason so they can get the invite. All are welcome.

Ed also mentioned that there was a very good Roanoke Division/Vice Director presentation at the Charleston Hamfest given by Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ and Bill Morine N2COP with a question and answer session following. He would like to follow up with them to see if they would do a presentation to the club for a future installment of the ZOOM Educational Series. Derek also stated that if anyone has any suggestions for speakers for future installments, please contact him and he can help facilitate the event.

Ed reminded everyone that the yearly club picnic will be held at Norwood Park in Nutter Fort on August 20th, 2022. Please plan to attend.

Fund Raising:

Ed reported that there were dates open to hold the fund raiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in May. The options are either on a Monday/Tuesday or on a Tuesday/Wednesday for the percentage of checks fund raiser. Derek suggested that maybe we could offer Walmart gift card raffle tickets at the same time. Ed will check on that.

Ed reported that today will be the final day to pay dues for the 2022 year to avoid being voted back in as a new member. It was originally supposed to be the March meeting date but since the meeting was canceled we carried it over to this month.

Ed reported on the recent Technician License class held at the Clarksburg YMCA. The class yielded two new Technicians, Nate KE8UKN and Kathryn KE8UKM. The class was a success, as all who tested did pass.

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Ed would like to try and schedule another class to start sometime in May. Dates and times TBD.

Public Information Officer's Report:

Chad reported that there is a radio event upcoming called World Amateur Radio Day, a worldwide radio event that will be held on April 18th, 2022.

New Business:

Ed brought to the floor again the idea of applying for the ARRL club grant opportunity. The application process should be open late April. After some discussion on the matter we came to the conclusion that we still need a good idea for a grant to apply for. Dick made the suggestion that we not worry about applying for a grant at all. Ed tabled the discussion again, to be discussed at a later date.

Ed brought to the floor again a discussion about obtaining a tax exempt status for the club in the form of a 501.c7 status. Dick mentioned that he seemed to remember the club possibly having a tax exempt status previously. Ed mentioned that if that was true, that would make it harder for us to obtain it again because once it lapses it's almost impossible to regain.

Todd mentioned that if the grant was not going to be applied for this year the Technical Committee should start getting together the costs for the new antenna and feedline for the club repeater to present to the club at a later date.

Applications for New Membership:

Robert Watson KE8UAV

Nathaniel Wajler KE8UKN

Patrick Clark (Associate awaiting call sign)

Michael Fink KD2KGH

Kathryn Calabria KE8UKM

MOTION:

A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, 2nd by Chad Ward, K8CMW, to accept all new members mentioned above as members of CWVWA.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS FOR

Club Call Trustee:

It was brought to the attention of the club by Dick Fowler, N8FMD, that the registered trustee for our club call sign, WV8HC, was Rick Vincent whom recently became S/K. The club needs a new trustee for this call. Janice Fowler, N8FXJ, nominated Dick Fowler to be the new trustee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, 2nd by Derek Long, WV8DL, to make Dick Fowler the new trustee for the club call WV8HC.

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Net Control Stations:

Net Controls for April/May 2022:

Thursday Night Traders Net:

April 14th: Tim Stout, KC8QWV

April 21st: Bryan Sanders, NU8J

April 28th: Chad Ward, K8CMW

May 5th: Jason Robinson, N3LSJ

Monthly HF Net:

April 10th: Ed Messenger, N8OYY

Reminder about the ARES Net every Tuesday evening at 9pm on the Hamtalk System
Next testing sessions will be April 14th and 28th, both at 7pm.
Next club meeting will be held on May 14th.

MOTION:

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Derek Long, WV8DL, at 10:32am