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# Central West Virginia Wireless Association

Clarksburg, WV 26301  
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## Executive Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Council was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the CWVWA Clubhouse, 633 W. Pike Street in Clarksburg. The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

### **In Attendance:**

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

Ed Messenger started by explaining the stipulations of having the room provided by the county. No coverage of equipment or the building will be provided by the county, that is up to the club. If there is a flood or fire, the county will not cover our belongings. Ed provided a key to each council member for access to the building and had each member sign a document agreeing not to copy the keys, give anyone access to the keys without their presence and also agreeing to return the keys should they be replaced by elections as stated in our bylaws.

He explained to the group the security features of the building and which doors we have locked, creating multiple layers of protection for our stored equipment. Ed talked to the group about the need for replacing the bad ballasts in the ceiling lights and also some bulbs that do not work.

Ed talked about inviting everyone in the club to view the space after the meeting on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>, to show them before bringing radio equipment into the building so everyone can see that everything will be securely stored.

He talked about the 3 offices at the end of the room, two being for locked equipment storage, the last being a possible area for Treasurer and Secretary use.

The group talked about the steps needed to take with ARRL scheduling to possibly change the testing site to this space instead of the church we currently use.

He talked about the steps and materials needed to host a dipole building class in the near future, more TBD at the monthly meeting.

The group talked about ways to get a few feedlines for a radio station fed into the building. Ed talked about the importance of having a dedicated 2m/440 radio with C4FM to use and demonstrate during Technician classes.

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The group discussed further, the funds that would be needed to get the room in usable order. Lights, ballasts and things that need to be updated. After some discussion, a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, second by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, to allow the Executive Council to purchase supplies for the room not to exceed the \$400.00 limit set forth in the bylaws of CWVWA.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed then talked further about the ongoing application for the new insurance policy. He has been in constant contact with the company representative. What is needed at this time is the serial numbers for the 2 club owned repeaters. It is believed that a visit to the sites are necessary to get these serial numbers.

Patrick brought an idea to the Council about Tip Board Raffles. He has secured a donation of a Tip Board to get us started from the Blacksville Fire Department and spoke to the group about how they work. He spoke about how much the club has the potential to profit. It was agreed that he gather more information to present the idea to the club at the next monthly meeting.

The group further discussed potential learning/education subjects that the new room could be used for to get new and existing hams further interested in new aspects of the hobby. More TBD in the near future.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC at 8:03pm**

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## Executive Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

### **Call to order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA Executive Council was held on February 13, 2023 at the CWVWA Clubhouse, 633 West Pike Street in Clarksburg. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ as Secretary.

### **In Attendance:**

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, to enter into a private Executive Session at 7:08pm.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Sonny Jobe, WC8L, to exit the private Executive Session at 8:15pm with no decisions made on topics discussed.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

Ed asked Patrick if any new information was discovered regarding the Tip Board fundraiser and he informed the group that the idea needs to go on hold until further notice due to newly discovered information regarding legalities associated with running raffles.

Ed told the group that he plans to call the State Tax Office to confirm that this group has never held a 501c3 tax exempt status.

A decision was made to postpone the scheduled Field Day Committee meeting and post the decision on the club Facebook group.

Radio equipment was picked up from storage at Dick Fowler's house by Ed Messenger and brought to the CWVWA Clubhouse for storage. Treasurer and President still need to visit the equipment list to make sure everything was collected.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Clark at 8:40pm**

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes February 11, 2023

### **Call to order:**

A meeting of the CWVWA was held on February 11, 2023 at FOP Restaurant. It was called to order at 9:01am and was presided over by President Ed Messenger, N8OYY, with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, as Secretary.

**Attendees:** There were 29 total people in attendance consisting of 26 voting members, 2 associate members and 1 guest. There were 4 officers present at this meeting. (Please see attached list)

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

Before the prior month's minutes were read aloud, a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, second by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, to accept prior monthly minutes as posted on the website.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

### **Treasurers Report:**

A treasurer's report was read aloud by Todd White, K8SKD, for the previous month. Starting balance was \$4996.98 and ending balance was \$5171.03. (Please see attached ledger for all credits and debits)

\*\*\*\*CORRECTION TO JANUARY 2023 FINANCE REPORT\*\*\*\*

Todd made the group aware of a correction that was needed for Check #2021 written to Ed Messenger. The corrected amount is \$75.56. (Please see attached corrected financial report for January 2023)

### **Health of members:**

The club heard health reports and updates for members: Bud Flanagan, WV8REX; Bill Snyder, N8BBD; Denver Ferrell, KE8NVA; Gene Rogers, W8EWR. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Field Day 2023 Committee:** Meeting set by Ed Messenger for Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm at the CWVWA Clubhouse.

**Insurance Policy Committee:** Ed updated the group on obtaining the new insurance policy offered by the ARRL, the only thing he was waiting on was the serial numbers for the club owned repeaters. Dick Fowler, N8FMD, informed the club on the status of the repeater repair that was approved in a previous meeting by the club. Ultimately, the cost of the repair will be more than the unit is worth. He talked to Ed Messenger about it and ultimately made a deal for the club to purchase an extra repeater that Ed owns. A motion was made:

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**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Phil Rogers, KB8KJB, for the club to move forward with the purchase of the repeater Ed Messenger has.

**\*AMENDED MOTION\*** Dan Vincent amended his motion to include the \$400.00 purchase price to be paid to Ed Messenger for the repeater.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

With this motion passing, Ed Messenger can now move forward with the correct serial numbers for the insurance policy, using the new repeater the club owns as the second repeater covered in the policy.

Dick Fowler, N8FMD, asked for clarification on the items covered in the insurance policy as far as the feedlines and antennas connected to the repeaters. It was agreed that Ed would contact the company to clarify.

Ed also presented to the group an estimate for the value of all equipment owned by the CWVWA. According to the estimate, the value would be \$27,500.00. Previous values set by a motion for the club to not exceed when purchasing the new insurance policy was \$15,000.00. Therefore a motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Ross Hockenberry, KE8UVA, to increase the max amount value of equipment insured by CWVWA to the amount of \$25,000.00 for the new insurance policy.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

**Parks on the Air Committee:** No new information at this time

**Special Events Committee:** Chairman of the committee was changed by Ed Messenger. New Chairman will be Dan Vincent, WZ8O.

**Technical Committee:** Dick Fowler recently talked to the lady in charge of the climbers for finishing the repeater and feedline project. She is supposed to set that up in the near future.

**VE Testing Committee:** Ed informed the group that the next testing session will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at St. Marks Church on Rt. 19 in Clarksburg at 7pm. He also reported on the Technician classes being held at the Clarksburg YMCA and that they will be changing locations to the new CWVWA Clubhouse in Clarksburg.

**Website Committee:** Todd White, K8SKD, informed the group that he recently updated all dates and also the member list on the website. Members on the current list who's name is in red are current on their club dues for 2023.

**Education Committee:** The education committee is currently gathering information to have a class on building a dipole antenna. There was some discussion on center insulators and cost. More info TBD.

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Ed Messenger reminded the group that the CWWVA Summer Picnic is set for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and will be held at Clarksburg City Park in Nutter Fort. Please mark your calendars.

**Fund Raising:** An idea was brought to the club by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, for fund raising in the form of "Tip Boards". He addressed the group to discuss how this works. A tip board has a set number of tabs to sell with a number on each. When all tabs have been sold, the secret number is revealed by scratch off on the top of the board. The prize money and cost of each tab is set by the club and the remaining proceeds after the prize is given to the winner then belongs to the club. The tabs would be sold to club members and also to the public via club members and Facebook. Payments can be made via cash or PayPal online. The drawing could be virtual, held by video on Facebook. Suggested cost for each tab was \$10 x300 tabs would be a total of \$3000. The prize would be \$1000, then allowing the club the remaining \$2000 for the fund raiser. Of course, there are associated fees to be taken into account with accepting payments via PayPal (2.75%).

A motion was made:

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Todd White, K8SKD, second by Dave Morris, K1WVA, that the CWWVA hold a fund raiser via a Virtual Tip Board, Patrick Clark be in charge of the board and that we run the fund raiser for a time period of 60 days.

Discussion phase:

There was discussion as to the legalities of holding this raffle. There were questions about holding the drawing on facebook and if we needed a bingo/raffle license from the state. He informed the group that to his knowledge the drawings were allowed on facebook and also if the amount of the prize did not exceed \$1500, that no licensing would be necessary.

There was also discussion on the time period this fund raiser would run. If we set a time of 60 days to sell tickets, then some tickets were not sold at the end of 60 days, the remaining tickets could become property of the club. Then if the club held the winning ticket 100% of the proceeds would belong to the club. The other option being that we could hold the fund raiser open until ALL of the tickets were sold, ensuring a winner from a purchased ticket.

**\*Amendment to the motion:** The motion was amended after discussion to change the time period from 60 days to until all tickets are sold.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

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Ed Messenger informed the group of an upcoming HamFest. The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Charleston Area HamFest (and ARRL WV Section Convention) will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at a new location: the BENI KEDEM TEMPLE, 100 Quarrier Street in Charleston, WV. Admission is \$10 per person.

### **Trailer modification discussion/vote:**

A motion was made last month and tabled pending further discussion and review of the diagram of the proposed trailer modifications.

An updated diagram was passed out to all members in attendance that included dimensions. Dick Fowler, N8FMD, addressed the group in opposition to the motion, regarding the dimensions and questioned the percentage of floor space to be taken up by the modifications. The concern was these modifications would take away 41% of the current space. Discussion was had by the group regarding this. After discussion there was a vote on the tabled motion:

First, the Secretary, Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, read aloud the tabled motion:

**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 posted online for member review and will be voted on at the next monthly meeting to decide if it will move forward.

### **TABLED MOTION VOTED ON:**

**VOTED:** 18 votes for, 2 votes against (vote was held and counted by a show of hands)

**\*MOTION CARRIES**

**Public Information Officer Report:** Nothing at this time.

Ed Messenger informed the group that after the meeting everyone is invited to join us at the new CWVWA Clubhouse location for an open house viewing. The address is 633 West Pike Street in Clarksburg.

### **501c3 discussion:**

Ed Messenger informed the group that we are still discovering information to move forward with the application. Dick Fowler, N8FMD, addressed the group regarding this. He informed the club that a motion from July of 2022 was made by him to not move forward with the 501c3 status for the club. According to him it was a unanimous vote and according to Robert's Rules of Order, anyone who voted for that could not bring up the discussion again.

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### **New Business:**

#### **New Member Applications:**

The following people submitted applications and dues for membership to CWVWA during the last month:

Leslie Riley, KE8RIL

James Smith, KE8WLG

Ed Bosco, KE8WLX

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dan Vincent, WZ8O, second by Mike Talkington, N8FWD, to accept these applications as full members in CWVWA.

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

At this time, Dick Fowler, N8FMD, addressed the President and the group: He stated that the group needs to do something about club policy. He wants there to be a "sunset" regarding to motions and policies made. He believes that if there is a policy or motion made it should not be able to be changed after it is set or voted on. Again, he stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order if someone voted for a motion it could not be brought up for vote or motion again.

At this time, Secretary Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, researched Roberts Rules of Order on this subject and Patrick Clark, K8TAC, read aloud.

(To paraphrase:)

According to Roberts Rules, a motion to reconsider is if a member voted on the prevailing side of a motion made, it can be brought up again if there is new information obtained.

#### **Bylaws amendment vote:**

Last month Todd White, K8SKD, made a motion to change article 9 section 3 of the club bylaws. He read aloud his motion again and pursuant to current bylaws a vote can now be taken:

**VOTED:** UNANIMOUS FOR

#### **Raffle:**

The club would like to thank Dan Vincent, WZ8O, for donating this month's raffle items.



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## **Net Control Stations Set:**

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

2.16.2023: Tim KC8QWV

2.23.2023: Phil KB8KJB

3.02.2023: Ed N8OYY

3.09.2023: Ross KE8UVF

### **Monthly HF Net:**

2.12.2023: Sonny WC8L

Dick Fowler, N8FMD, at this time asked for a clarification on the Treasurer's Report from last month and Ed Messenger cleared it up for him.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Clark, K8TAC, at 10:36am**

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29 total  
28 voting  
1 guest  
4 officers  
2 ASSOCIATE

Monthly Meeting Attendance Roster:

Meeting Date: 2-11-2023

X Name: <u>Jason Robinson</u>	Callsign: <u>N3LST</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>PHIL ROGERS</u>	Callsign: <u>K8XKJB</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>LEON LUCAS</u>	Callsign: <u>K8CBQ</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Jasper Alfred</u>	Callsign: _____	Email: _____
Name: <u>Jeremy Lane</u>	Callsign: <u>W88H</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>HAL SICKLES</u>	Callsign: <u>K040CE</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>CARSON STROTHER</u>	Callsign: <u>K8WGT</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Dick Fowler</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FMD</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Janice Fowler</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FXT</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Danny fox</u>	Callsign: <u>W7DWF</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Dan Vincent</u>	Callsign: <u>W280</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Doug Freeman</u>	Callsign: <u>W8DOF</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Patrick Clark</u>	Callsign: <u>K8TAC</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Rusty Cottrill</u>	Callsign: <u>NV8K</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>BILL EVERITT</u>	Callsign: <u>W1WRE</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Michael J Talkington</u>	Callsign: <u>N8FLW</u>	Email: _____
X Name: <u>Sonny Jobe</u>	Callsign: <u>W8BL</u>	Email: _____
✓ Name: <u>Ed Messinger</u>	Callsign: <u>K80Y</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>DENVER FARELL</u>	Callsign: <u>K8NVA</u>	Email: _____
✓ Name: <u>Todd white</u>	Callsign: <u>K8SKD</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>HAILE MORRIS</u>	Callsign: <u>K1WVA</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>CUZ BLAKE</u>	Callsign: <u>GUEST</u>	Email: <u>bluebirdwv@gmail.com</u>
Name: <u>James T Smith</u>	Callsign: <u>K8WLG</u>	Email: <u>pizacc@critical.com</u>
Name: <u>John D. Shaffer</u>	Callsign: <u>NW8J</u>	Email: <u>SCHAFFERMAN@comcast.net</u>
Name: <u>Loy Cummings</u>	Callsign: <u>K8VGH</u>	Email: <u>LoyCummings1958@aol.com</u>
Name: <u>Ross Hockensmy</u>	Callsign: <u>K8EUV</u>	Email: _____
Name: <u>Don Riffle</u>	Callsign: <u>K8HSL</u>	Email: <u>Rif01@me.com</u>
Name: <u>Susan Jimenez</u>	Callsign: _____	Email: _____



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION**  
 January 14, 2023 - February 11, 2023

<b>WESBANCO</b>			
Balance on Hand 12/10/2022			\$4,996.98
<b>INCOME (DEPOSITS)</b>		This Month	
Member Dues	5 Individual 1 family	\$125.00	
Donations		\$0.00	
Monthly Raffle		\$82.00	
Transfer from Paypal		\$155.31	
<b>Total Wesbanco Income</b>			<b>\$362.31</b>
<b>EXPENCES (DEBTS)</b>			
Debt Card	Lowes --Supplies for The Club Room (Ballasts and Bulbs)		\$107.18
Check 1023	Ed Messenger Reimbursement for Supplies for the Club Room (Ballasts & Diffuser Panel)		\$81.08
<b>Total Wesbanco Expences</b>			<b>\$188.26</b>
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>			<b>\$5,171.03</b>
<b>Paypal</b>			
Balance on Hand 12/10/2022			\$0.00
<b>INCOME (DEPOSITS)</b>		This Month	
Member Dues	7 Individual 1 Family	\$165.00	
Donations		\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$165.00</b>
<b>EXPENCES (DEBTS)</b>			
Paypal Fees		\$9.69	
Transfer To Wesbanco		\$155.31	
<b>Total Paypal Expences</b>			<b>\$165.00</b>
<b>Paypal Balance</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND 01/14/2023</b>			<b>\$5,171.03</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION**  
 DECEMBER 10, 2022 - JANUARY 14, 2023

<b>WESBANCO</b>		
<b>Balance on Hand 12/10/2022</b>		<b>\$4,839.70</b>
<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	\$75.56
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>\$483.65</b>
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>		<b>\$4,996.98</b>
<b>Paypal</b>		
<b>Balance on Hand 12/10/2022</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<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>\$4,996.98</b>