
Central West Virginia Wireless Association

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Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday January 5, 2022

Committee members in attendance:

Ed Messenger
Sonny Jobe
Todd White
Jason Robinson
John Lappie
Derek Long
Chad Ward

Meeting was held at The Parkette Restaurant in Clarksburg, WV

MINUTES:

All members present.

Meeting called to order by Ed Messenger, President, at 5:05pm with Jason Robinson as secretary.

The purpose of this executive session was to familiarize new members of the executive committee with the layout of the way these meetings are conducted and also to take suggestions for additions to the structure of the General Meeting agenda to be held on January 8, 2022.

The agenda for the 1.08.2022 meeting was discussed section by section and Ed entertained suggestions.

Suggestions made were as follows:

Derek Long suggested that the club might consider a Repeater Reserve fund to possibly be held separate from normal club funds. Pricing of new feedline and a new antenna for the repeater needs to be looked into.

Ed suggested a Parks on th Air committee instead of a single POTA planner. Jason suggested adding John Lappie to that committee along with himself and Sonny Jobe. Derek suggested considering a minimum of 3 POTA outings to be held on the same dates every year, weather permitting, for maximum club exposure.

Ed suggested that Todd contact Bill Everett again to start training him how to update the club website. Ed also suggested updating and bringing current the Silent Keys page.

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Derek made the suggestion that other Amateur Radio Clubs offer a Lifetime Membership option for an increased fee to reflect the age of the member purchasing it. The club may want to look into this and devise a structure for fees and rules for purchasing such memberships. He stated that it will have its pro's and con's and should be weighed by the club.

Ed asked for suggestions for any additional committees that the club may need in addition to:

Field Day
Parks on the Air
VE Testing Group
Website

Suggestions were as follows:

Ed suggested we add a **Technical Committee** consisting of our more electrically and radio experienced members to help the club with technical issues that may arise.

Todd suggested a **Special Events/Planning Committee**: A committee to fully plan our Summer Picnic, Christmas Party and things needed for providing food and drink at events such as Parks on the Air.

Derek suggested a **Public Relations Committee**: Someone to handle relations with outside groups such as Television, Newspaper and Local Government exposure well in advance and during Field Day operations, as that could gain us valuable points during Field Day. Also relations with the ARRL, such as updates, bulletins and information released by ARRL relating to information pertinent to the club. Members of this committee should also be members in good standing with the American Radio Relay League.

Members and existence of said additional committees to be determined by the club President, Ed Messenger with input from general membership at the next club meeting, 1.8.2022

Jason volunteered to bring an item to donate to the club, for raffle, to the meeting on 1.8.2022: MFJ 941-C manual travel antenna tuner.

Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by Ed Messenger at: 6:45pm

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GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 2022

MINUTES:

Call to Order:

A club meeting of the CWVWA was held on: January 8, 2022 at FOP Restaurant. It was called to order at 09:01am and was presided over by Ed Messenger, N8OYY (President), with Jason Robinson, N3LSJ as Secretary.

Attendees:

Voting members in attendance: 14 (see attached list)
Guests in attendance: 1 (see attached list)

Member introductions:

After current member introductions, Kelly NM7H stood and introduced himself to the club. He told of how he became an Amateur Operator, his time working for the FBI, time spent overseas and also time operating and working from Guantanamo Bay. Ed Messenger suggested him for a future member spotlight, as his story sounded very interesting.

Reading of prior minutes submitted for approval:

Executive Committee minutes from 12.01.2021 were read by Jason Robinson update for one correction to the minutes (minutes state Todd White was attending by phone and he was there in person).

Executive Committee minutes from 01.05.2022 were read by Jason Robinson.

December General Session minutes were read by Jason Robinson.

Motion: Motion was made by Dick Fowler, N8FMD to accept minutes as read.

Second by Bryan Sanders NU8J.

Voted UNANIMOUS FOR

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was read by Todd, K8SKD.

Previous month's balance was: \$4,454.05 + \$98.88 (transfer from PayPal) + \$445.00 (dues and raffle) for a total deposit amount of \$543.88.

Total balance in account: \$4997.93

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Treasurer's Report (CONT'd):

Proposed Budget for year 2022 was also read by Todd White, K8SKD.

Proposed amounts (and prior year amounts):

Trailer and Liability Insurance: \$500.00 (\$355.95 in 2021)

Post Office Box: \$64.00 (\$64.00 in 2021)

Field Day Expenses (food and fuel for generator): \$400.00 (\$369.49 in 2021)

Picnic Supplies: \$100.00 (\$77.25 in 2021)

Gift card for Christmas party door prize: \$110.00 (109.90 in 2021)

Total proposed budget for year 2022: \$1174.00 (2021 amount total was \$976.59)

Current Balance being \$4997.93 – expected budget to be paid out \$1174.00 =
\$3823.93 in excess club funds for year 2022

Proposed budget stands as presented as per Ed Messenger, President

Old Business:

Health of members: Dick Fowler, N8FMD gave an updated report on the ongoing health problems of Rick, W8AT. Currently he is still fighting issues with loss of blood and the doctor's are still not sure why that is. He is also still not able to put pressure on his left leg due to the cancer and prior surgery. Bill Snyder, N8BBB, reported that his wife Drema is still healing from her accident, but is doing well. No one had an update for Jim Martin, K8QVC and his wife Rose. Someone will contact him and get us an update. Dick Fowler expressed interest in the health of Bill Everett, W1WRE as he has not been to a meeting in a few months and someone should check on him to be sure he can still assist with the website duties. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers.

Committee Reports:

Field Day 2021: Ed messenger, N8OYY, informed the club that the results for Field Day 2021 have been published in the December issue of QST magazine. In which we received 1st place for the state of West Virginia. Dick brought to the attention of the club an email that was distributed by the ARRL asking for suggestions from members on the subject of 2022 Field Day rules and whether or not they should remain the same as 2021. It was the general consensus of the club that they should remain, as stations being allowed to work from home would only help our score. Chad Ward, K8CMW stated that club members that are also ARRL members should individually reply to the email with their vote for or against and any additional suggestions.

Parks on the Air: Jason Robinson stated that there is not currently any plans for POTA at this time, we are still waiting to hear back from Chad Barker, K8BAR, about doing an event with his Boy Scout Troop. With it being winter, Jason suggested we wait until Spring and possibly invite them to participate in one of our POTA events if they would like.

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Committee Reports (CONT'd)

VE Testing Committee: Ed Messenger, N8OYY, informed the club of the next VE Test Session to be held on January 27th, 2022. He also stated that He and Doug Cutlip, KX8T will be holding a Technician Class next month in Glenville, WV and invited anyone who would like to attend. Please contact Ed or Doug for specific dates, times and a location.

Website Committee: Todd White, K8SKD informed the club that he will be doing a large update to the website in an effort to bring everything current that needs to be and also will be utilizing new members of the committee to keep everything current on a regular basis.

Ed Messenger, N8OYY, brought up the subject of Fund Raising again, in particular the Wal-Mart gift card raffles. It was decided that the issue be tabled until next month. He also brought up again the idea of trying the Buffalo Wild Wings fund raising opportunity. That was tabled until springtime when it is believed we would have better results as opposed to handing out tickets outside when it is still cold. It was also mentioned that the club could bring the trailer for better club exposure while handing out the tickets to customers going inside.

Jason Robinson, N3LSJ, informed the club that he was approached by the General Manager of the FOP Restaurant about continuing the meetings at the FOP for the remainder of the 2022 year. The manager agreed that would be fine and we are set for the second Saturday of the month, 8am to 10am for the remainder of the year.

Ed Messenger reminded the club that member dues for year 2022 are now due. Please submit them before or at the march meeting to avoid the need to be re-voted in for membership. \$20 single/\$25 family are the current dues.

New Business:

Committee Appointments:

Ed Messenger, N8OYY, started filling positions for club committee volunteers:

All committees will automatically include Executive Committee members in addition to:

Field Day: Bryan Sanders, NU8J; Dick Fowler, N8FMD; Gene Rogers, W8EWR

Special Events: Todd White, K8SKD; Bill Snyder, N8BBD; Ed White, KC8HDI

Technical: Dick Fowler, N8FMD; Doug Cutlip, KX8T

VE Testing: Ed Messenger, N8OYY; Sonny Jobe, WC8L

Website: Todd White, K8SKD; Bryan Sanders, NU8J; Chad Ward, K8CMW; Jason Robinson, N3LSJ

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New Business/Committees (CONT'd):

Public Relations/ARRL Public Relations Officer: Chad Ward, K8CMW

Ed Messenger agreed to contact the ARRL Section Manager to have Chad approved for the ARRL position.

Motion: A motion was made by Dick Fowler to accept all committees and appointments as stated. Second by Bryan Sanders.

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Applications for new membership:

Kelly Flint, NM7H

Motion: A motion was made by Bryan Sanders, NU8J, to accept Kelly Flint as a member of CWVWA. Second by Bill Snyder, N8BBD.

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

P.R. Report:

Chad Ward, K8CMW reported to all ACLogs logger users that an update was currently available (v7.0.3). WSJT-X also released an update to v2.5.4. The new Technician Question Pool will be released July 1, 2022. He also stated that there are a few Special Event Stations and Contests coming up Today and in the near future: USS Midway Special Event, RTTY Roundup and The ARRL January VHF Contest. Check your issue of QST magazine for the dates and rules on the ARRL Contest Calendar.

Club Events:

Ed Messenger revisited the idea of the club operating in the Winter Field Day event. As it will be hard for us to find and set up a space for everyone that wants to attend, it was decided by the group to not participate this year.

Motion: A motion was made by Dick Fowler, N8FMD for the club to stop discussions for the 2022 Winter Field Day event and not participate this year. Second by Gene Rogers, W8EWR

Voted: UNANIMOUS FOR

Raffle (MFJ Tuner) was won by Ed Messenger

Net Control Stations Set:

1.13.2022: Tim, KC8QWV; 1.20.2022: Bryan, NU8J; 1.27.2022: Todd, K8SKD;

2.03.2022: Ed, N8OYY; 2.10.2022: Jason, N3LSJ

1.09.2022: HF NET: Derek, WV8DL (alternate: Sonny, WC8L)

Motion to adjourn meeting: Made by Bryan Sanders, Second by John Lappie at 10:01am