Monongalia Wireless Association Agenda

January 19, 2016 1 Hour, 46 Minutes (Predicted Total Time) River Valley Red Cross Chapter 1299 Pineview Drive Morgantown, WV 26505

Type of meeting: Regular Monthly

Recorder: L. DeHaan

(KD8ZMW)

Facilitator: M. DeHaan (KD8ZMV)

Attendees: Please see Mig(K8MIG) for the roster

Please read: November 2015 meeting minutes before the meeting. They have been sent on the reflector and are

on the webpage

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Additional Information

Observers: Parker and Daniel, of the WVU Amateur Radio Club, we had several other observers who stayed

after testing.

Resource persons: Dean Thompson (KD8 YNY), Presenting this month's program on the new repeaters.

Special notes: No served agencies present

Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016

For list of attendees please see the sign in roster.

Meeting began at 7:30 pm with a VE Session prior to starting the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Michael announced coordinators/volunteers as follows:

- Bill Schultz will be our field day coordinator.
- Randy Crowe (N8OZY), Bill Schultz (WR8S), Josh Smith (KD8HRX), Cory (WA3UVV) and Dean (KD8YNY) are on the repeater committee.
- Libby DeHaan will be assisting Mig (K8MIG) with taking the meeting minutes and posting them on the website.

Vice President report-Spencer Graham (WT8WV)

• We need additional help for the VE sessions.

Treasurer/Secretary Report – Mig (K8MIG)

- Mig (K8MIG) gave the treasurers report. For copies of this report please contact Mig (K8MIG).
- There was no correspondence for the club.
- Josh (KD8HRX) presented the invoice for the repeaters to Mig (K8MIG). Josh (KD8HRX) covered the shipping on the repeaters.
- The November meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Repeater Committee Report-Bill (WR8S)

- The repeaters are in.
- Josh (KD8HRX) will email the repeater serial numbers to Mig (K8MIG).
- Bill (WR8S) announced that the repeaters should be online by the end of next week.

Christmas Parade Report – Randy(N8OZY)

• We had a really good turn out this year of local area amateur radio operators volunteering to help get individuals lined up and where they needed to be.

New Business:

Strategic Plan-Michael

• Mike (KD8ZMW) asked if there was interest in moving forward to develop a strategic plan for the club. He will draft a vision statement and mission statement for us to review prior to our next meeting.

WVU Balloon Launch - Randy(N8OZY)

• WVU will be doing a balloon launch again this year and would like our help in retrieving the balloon. We have done this in past years and have had a great time. The launch will be on April 9 this year, Rain dates are April 10

or the weekend following the original date. Randy (N8OZY) will give us additional details as they become available.

County Fox Hunt-Michael

• Mike (KD8ZMW) asked Jim (KC8YUI) to organize a county wide fox hunt and maybe turn it into a competition between the local amateur radio clubs. More details will follow.

Marathon-Josh (KD8HRX)

• The marathon that we helped with last year will be on September 17 & 18, 2016. Please add that to your calendars.

Good of the club/Concerns:

Shirts Jim (KC8YUI) and Mig (K8MIG):

- If anyone is interested in ordering shirts there are a number of options to choose from. If you would like to order polo/tactical shirts that are embroidered with the club logo and your call sign please contact Jim (KC8YUI) or be prepared to give him an order at the next club meeting. Cost of the shirts range between \$26 and \$45.
- Club t-shirts can also be purchased, for \$15 please contact Mig (K8MIG) for more information.

Handheld Radio Orders-Carl (WA3ZZU)

• Individuals wishing to get in on a bulk order of the Baofeng AA battery packs should contact Carl (WA3ZZU) by Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Vinyl call signs for vehicles-Dean (KD8YNY)

• Dean (KD8YNY) can make call sign logos for your vehicles. The cost is \$5.00. For each one he sells, he will donate a \$1.00 to the club. The Size is about 12"x4", but could be any size you wish, price would vary. The vinyl is calendared and should last about 5 years.

GitHub Repository-Josh (KD8HRX)

• Josh (KD8HRX) started a GitHub repository of various csv files for use with Chirp to program your handhelds. He will send us information about using the repository on the reflector.

Audrey-Jim (KC8YUI)

• Audrey is sick, please keep her in your thoughts. She will be moved to Madison Nursing Home sometime later this week. For more information please contact Jim (KC8YUI).

50/50 - Mig (K8MIG)

• The amount of the 50/50 was \$24 dollars. It was won by Dean (KD8YNY) who donated it back to the club.

VE Session - Bob (WA8YCD)

• We had 13 individuals who tested. 4 received a tech license, 3 upgraded to general and 4 upgraded to extra.