

## Monongalia Wireless Association

### Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

The June 20, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

#### WVUARC Report – Will Howard, KE8FHN

- Will updated the club regarding the preparation of their station for the ARISS Contact.
- Please contact Will if you know of any corporate sponsors or if you would like to donate to help them with the cost of equipment or t-shirts. His contact information is posted on their web site, <http://wvuarc.org.wvu.edu/home>.
- If you are available to assist them with technical questions regarding station set up please contact Will or attend one of their weekly ARISS meetings.

#### VE Report – Libby DeHaan, KD8ZMW

- Special thanks to the VEs listed below for helping with the exam session.
  - Spence Graham, WT8WV
  - Bob Steele, N8HGL
  - Jan Ditzian, KX2A
  - Libby DeHaan, KD8ZMW
  - Dan Ringer, K8WV
  - Okey Wolfe, W8OHW
- We had 5 testers. 1 person upgraded to Extra and another one passed both the Technician and General exam.

#### Field Day Report – Spence Graham, WT8WV

- Ryan's daughter made 50 contacts on Sunday. She did a fantastic job.
- Spence ask Libby to post a field day guide to the web site. Club members should review the document. Comments and suggestions for field day planning next year should go to Spence.
- The following items were discussed regarding field day next year:
  - Assigning teams to do things
  - Assign a person to be the lead for various band operations
  - Assign someone to be responsible for tracking and making sure we get as many of the bonus points as possible. It was suggested that the NCWVYL group work on making a list of the bonus points and coordinating a task list for getting them done.

#### Treasurer's Report – Mig Crowe, K8MIG

- Mig gave the treasurer's report. Libby won the 50/50 drawing for the June meeting and donated her portion back to the club. Pete won the 50/50 drawing for the July meeting and donated his portion back to the club.

#### Special Events – Mason Dixon – Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMV

- The event will be on October 13-15, 2017 at the Mason Dixon Park. More information on the park can be found here including directions:  
<http://www.masondixonhistoricalpark.com/index.html>.
- Maximum cost for the event \$70. Randy Crowe, N8OZY made the motion to approve the event, seconded by Oakey Wolf, W8OHW The club unanimously approved the event.
- We will have multiple special event stations operating from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Sunday.
- Bands covered: 40 m, 20 m and 2m.
- Volunteers so far for the event include the following:
  - Bill Schultz – W8RS – Antenna set up on Thursday October 12, 2017.
  - Band Manager – Libby DeHaan, KD8ZMW
  - IT Manager – Dean Thompson, KD8YNY and Spence Graham, WT8WV
  - Safety Officer – Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMW
  - PR Officer – Mike/Libby – Club members are encouraged to share the information with the amateur radio groups that they belong to.
  - Food Coordinator – Libby DeHaan and Mig Crowe, K8MIG
  - 2m Station – Oakey Wolfe, W8OHW
- Additional volunteers are needed for the following:
  - Mode Captain
  - Site Prep & Clean up Coordinator
  - If there is something you would like to do but do not see it listed as a volunteer position contact Mike DeHaan.

### **Alzheimer's Walk-Randy Crowe, N8OZY**

- The walk will take place on October 15, 2017.
- Volunteers are needed please contact Jim Seckel , KC8YUI if you would like to volunteer for the event.
- WVUARC members would like to volunteer.
- We will be using the WVUARC repeater for this event.

### **Jamboree on the Air is October 21, 2017**

#### **Monongalia County Fair- Mig Crowe, K8MIG**

- We will be at the fair on Saturday, August 5, 2017.
- Set up time from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Mike will do a press release and give it to the local paper and the tv stations.
- There will not be a charge for our information booth.
- From 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, will be kids' day at the fair.
- Oakey will be available on 2 m to aid us in letting kids make a contact using 2 m.
- Randy will set up a 20 meter station for a GOTA station.
- Mig will organize the set up of the information booth.
- Libby and Bob West will coordinate children's activities.
- Mig or Libby will get copies of an amateur radio coloring book for the children.
- Mig will order small boxes of crayons for the children.

- WVUARC has volunteered to set up their satellite station.
- Volunteers for this event so far include:
  - Mig Crowe, K8MIG
  - Randy Crowe, N8OZY
  - Libby DeHaan – KD8ZMW
  - Mike DeHaan – MD8ZMV
  - Oakey Wolfe – W8OHW
  - Linda Marden – KE8AMQ
  - WVUARC club members

#### **WV State Amateur Radio Council – Dan Ringer, K8WV**

- No nominees have been received by the council for the upcoming year.
- Without officers the council may have to dissolve.
  - If you would like to nominate someone please contact: Cappy ( Kenneth Caplinger), WV8KD.

#### **Section Manager-Dan Ringer, K8WV**

- If you are interested in any cabinet positions please contact Dan Ringer.

#### **Announcements**

- Navajo Code Talkers Day is August 14, 2017, there will be a special event station on 40 m and 20 m, under the call N7C in Arizona. – Pete
- Oakey thanked Jan for his help with his antenna set up.
- Jan said that Yeasu now has software for programming the new handheld he purchased.
- Dean will give the club some of the Yeasu hats he received.