

# Monongalia Wireless Association

## Meeting Minutes

### October 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on October 18, 2016

#### Old Business

- President's report - Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMV
  - September & October meeting minutes will be approved at the meeting on November 15, 2016.
  - Sickness & Distress
    - Please visit Bob or give him a call.
  - Christmas Dinner
    - Mike is still working on finding a location for our party in December.
- Vice-President's report - Spence Graham, WT8WV
  - Mason Dixon event at Mason Dixon Park went well. We had five or six members who attended.
  - Jessica Liu, KC3GEG, the lead VE for tonight's session reported that we had seven people take and pass the Technician exam.
  - Spence would like to start a special events committee and would also like to start documenting our process for the various types of events we provide communications for.
  - General discussion regarding an antenna building workshop.
- Secretary/Treasurer's report - Mig Crowe, K8MIG
  - Mig gave the treasurer's report.
  - We received flyer for WACOM's hamfest. It will be held on November 6, 2016 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Here is a link for more information: <http://www.wacomarc.org/hamfest.html>. Anyone interested in setting up a table to sell some equipment as a group should contact Spence Graham, WT8WV.
- Repeater Committee - Randy Crowe, N8OZY
  - The 440 machine is up. The group is looking for controllers and will report back once they have found one.
  - We discussed the possibility of using Echolink or Wires X on the repeater.
  - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV had some suggestions for replacing the phone line.
  - The new VHU/UHF repeater will be online for the ARES net on Monday.
- WVU Amateur Radio Club - Jessica Liu, KC3GEG
  - From Jessica regarding the WVU Amateur Club.
    - We are now currently Laurel VEs. Means we can offer free testing to our students to help entice them. This is mainly for students when we

incorporate the Tech license exam in our Intro to Electrical Engineering course. It is currently not official yet, since we need to wait for our certificate. We will still help MWA with VE-ing as well.

- We are trying to make contacts this week as part of the ARRL School Round Up DXing competition but we have run into a few issues
    - We got the triband HF 10/15/20 antenna installed over the weekend but are now running into SWR issues so Jim, KC8YUI, will be assisting the group Wednesday around noon with an antenna analyzer to see the condition of the antenna and coax. He will also be bringing by a Kenwood HF transceiver to see if it is our transceiver that is potentially an issue.
  - Ham Shack renovations are finished. All are welcome to come check it out. Open Hours are Sunday 2:00p - 4:00p and Tuesday 11:00a - 1:00p. If you'd like to visit during the day, please let one of us know and we can work on getting a temp parking permit for the day.
  - The club is in a rough spot with equipment currently. If anybody has any items they would like to donate to the club, that would be greatly appreciated. We only have the following working items:
    - 2M repeater + antenna
    - 2M transceiver borrowed from Allen, KD8BMI
    - J-pole for 2M borrowed currently from Jim, KC8YUI
    - Electronics bench w/ oscilloscope, soldering station, power supply, multimeter
    - Iffy Kenwood TS-520SE HF transceiver (Not sure if it's properly working)
      - It seems to function intermittently. I'm also not entirely sure we're getting out. We were able to get the SWR under 1.5 on 10 meters and 40 meters. This is kind of odd to me as I thought the antenna was supposed to run on 10, 15 and 20 meters.
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    - Jan, KX2A, is letting us borrow a 2m magnetic antenna to play with on the other 2m transceiver.
  - Does anyone have old W8CUL QSL cards for us to scan?
  - Working on ARISS proposal due 11/1
  - The club is currently researching new repeaters to replace the 2m repeater and get the 70cm operational. The **Yaesu DR-2X** is what we are eyeballing but waiting for the release dates and price.
  - Will most likely be looking to sell some old tube receivers in order to help raise some funds for the club.
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- Alzheimer's Walk - Jim Seckel, KC8YUI

- This year we used simplex instead of the repeater, recommendation for next year is to use the repeater. We had a good turnout for this event, it lasted about one hour.
- Morgantown Marathon - Randy Crowe, N8OZY
  - The event went well both days and we had a good turnout for this event as well.
- Nominations
  - Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMW - President
  - Spencer Graham, WT8WV - Vice-President
  - Mig Crowe, K8MIG, Secretary/Treasurer

## New Business

- Elections
  - The individuals were elected for another term.
    - Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMW - President
    - Spencer Graham, WT8WV - Vice-President
    - Mig Crowe, K8MIG - Secretary/Treasurer
- Christmas Parade
  - The parade will be on December 12, 2016. The rain date will be December 14, 2016. We will meet behind Panera Bread on High Street in the church parking lot. Please contact Rancy Crowe, N8OZY, if you would like to help with this event.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.