

Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 on November 15, 2016.

President's Report by Michael DeHaan, KD8ZMW

- Meeting minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- Meeting minutes from September will be reviewed later for approval.
- Sickness & Distress
 - Bob, WA8YCD is still at the Salem Center, please call or visit him.
 - Mig, K8MIG is not well please keep her in your prayers and thoughts.
- Christmas dinner will be at the Golden Corral. KD8ZMW will reserve the room for December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm. He will post an announcement on the reflector.

Vice President's Report by Spence Graham, WT8WV

- WVU ARC has submitted their proposal to ARISS two local high schools have agreed to participate. MWA is supporting them in this mission. If they are approved, then the pass will take place in the Fall of 2017. The pass will be about 5-10 minutes. The WVU ARC are also planning on reaching out to other age groups in the K-9 grade range. WVU ARC will be employing 20 students for various parts of the project.
- WVU ARC are also folding the Technician Licence into their curriculum.
- Trinity High School may want to have a demonstration. Spence will talk to Dr. Campbell to arrange one or to see if they need assistance.
- Mike mentions that we might want to get involved in some of the local STEM camps for demonstrations.
- Spence mentioned that we should also reach out to home school groups as well.

WVUARC Report by Jessica Liu, KC3GEG

- MHS is interested in licensing students. They currently have students who are working on a balloon launch. They may contact us for more information.
- In addition to working on the ARISS proposal the club would also like to work on getting contacts via moon bounce.
- Jessica also coordinated the VEC session. There were 4 individuals who took the test, 1 extra, 1 general and 2 technicians at the end of the day.
- Dan, K8WV was able to give an old QSL card from WVUARC to help them in the design of their new card.
- W8MWA has appointed Carl (WA3ZZU) and Jim(KC8YUI) as the new WVUARC liaisons.

WACOM by Randy Crowe, N8OZY

- Cory's (WA3UVV) did a presentation at the hamfest it was really good.

News Report by Randy Crowe, N8OZY

- The Washington Hamfest is coming up in February. More information can be found here: <http://www.n3sh.org/hamfests.htm>.
- Reminder that Taco Tuesday is still happening, they are now meeting at Habaneros, in the Suncrest Towne Center.

Repeater Committee by Randy Crowe, N8OZY

- The 440 machine is up and running. They are still troubleshooting some issues.
- The 2 meter was up but has been switched back to the old one due to some technical difficulties.

Christmas Parade Report by Randy Crowe, N8OZY

- The Christmas parade will be on December 12, 2016. Please meet in the parking lot behind Panera at the top of High Street. We will be using the WVU ARC repeater for communications. It is recommended that you wear a reflective vest and bring an ear piece. Please contact Randy if you are going to be able to be there.

New Business

DX News Report by Jan Ditzian, KX2A

- A number of people have been able to make contact with ZD7VC. Please continue to try to contact him. Jan will announce the times on the W8MWA repeater.

Setting up a Special Events Station Dean Thompson, KD8YNY

- Dean mentioned that we may want to consider setting up a special event station at the Granville Walmart in the Spring.
- Wick Russell, KC8RHO will check to see if we could set up a table at the First Responder's fair in May.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:06.