

**Monongalia Wireless Association
Agenda**

**February 16, 2016
1 Hour, 32 Minutes (Predicted Total Time)
River Valley Red Cross Chapter
1299 Pineview Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505**

Type of meeting: **Regular Monthly** Facilitator: M. DeHaan (KD8ZMV)
Note taker: L. DeHaan (KD8ZMW)

Attendees: To be recorded at meeting
Please read: January 2016 meeting minutes

Agenda

Item	Person	Alloted Minutes
Convene the meeting	M. DeHaan (KD8ZMV)	1
Report of the President	M. DeHaan (KD8ZMV)	5
Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes - November 2015	M. DeHaan (KD8ZMV)	5
Sickness & Distress Update on Audrey	Open announcements	5
Report of Officers - VP	S. Graham (WT8WV)	5
Report of Officers - Secretary/Treasurer	M. Crowe (K8MIG)	3
Bills Against the Club - Secretary/Treasurer	M. Crowe (K8MIG)	3
Cash Received - Secretary/Treasurer	M. Crowe (K8MIG)	5
Communications - Secretary/Treasurer	Assign Chair	5
Report of Committees - Repeater	Bob West (WA8YCD)	3
Report of VE Coordinator	Bill Shultz (WR8S)	5
Old Business - Field Day Team Report	Jim Seckel (KC9YUI)	5
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	Dr. Carl Werntz (WA3ZZU)	

Old Business - MWA Challenge	Michael DeHaan (KD8ZMV)	5
Old Business - Shirt Orders	Any Member	5
Old Business - Battery Pack Orders	Michael DeHaan (KD8ZMV)	5
New Business - MWA School of Radio		5
Good of the Club		30 - 45
Close		
Program: Batteries and Battery Safety- Dr. Roy Nutter, PhD. (N8BHI)		

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016

- Past meeting minutes were approved. Motion made and approved.

Sickness & Distress

- Jim reported that Audrey is doing well and in therapy.

VP Report – Spence Graham, WT8WV

- The following topics for meetings thru June.
 - March-Search and Rescue
 - April-2 meter single sideband
 - May – Go bags for emergency preparedness
 - June – Field Day
 - Other ideas for programs include: AMSAT, solar weather, nets and net control best practices, and data communications.
- He is currently working on a club survey on how the club can better serve its members. The survey will be posted on the web site and copies will be available at future club meetings for members to complete.
- WT8WV also reported that he has seen increased efforts and attendance on the local nets.

Secretary/Treasurer Report-Mig Crowe, K8MIG

- For copies of the treasurer’s report please contact K8MIG.
- K8MIG reported that Josh has been reimbursed for the repeaters.
- 50/50 last month was \$24 dollars. Dean Thompson won and gave his half back to the club.
- Dean Thompson has also made several donations to the club as well.
- The post office bill is due, it will be paid by the end of the month.
- Mail received:
 - We received a thank you card from Dolph to the VE team last month.

- We also received flyers for the Hamfest in Raleigh, NC on April 1. Please see K8MIG if you would like one of the flyers.

Repeater Committee

Josh reported that due to the weather they have not been able to work on installing the new repeaters. KD8ZMV asked that the committee select a chair by the next club meeting.

VE Coordinator Report

WA8YCD reported that we had 3 individuals take exams prior to the meeting. Polly passed her technician exam. Tom upgraded to extra. Stephen from the WVUARC club upgraded to his extra. Next month he will have WVU 's radio club help administer the exam. Please contact Bob if you would like to help with the session or need help studying for the exam.

WVUARC Club Announcements

Mike recognized WVU club members Daniel, Stephen and Parker from the WVUARC club. Bob West helped their club members complete their paperwork to become VEs. They are working on the radio, they will also be starting a net soon and are working on their website. They have also requested assistance in participating in National Parks on the Air. They will get back with us on a date.

Commemorative Plaque for Larry

To date have collected \$19 for the plaque. K8MIG will see how much it will cost and will contact Wick to see what it should say.

Field Day Report

Mike talked with Bill he would like to move field day to the repeater site if possible and turn Mason Dixon park into a bigger event.

MWA Challenge

Jim asked for volunteers to help with the MWA Challenge. The challenge will be called "Road Rally", it will be a regional fox hunt. Date for challenge is July 16, 2016. In April or May do a few small fox hunts for people to practice and get to know how to do it a few mile radius for the practice sessions. Mike will be sending out letters to other clubs to compete. Carl, Libby and Jay volunteered to help.

Old Business

Shirt Orders

Jim presented the shirts. Polo shirt is \$26, regular tactical \$41, snag proof tactical polo \$43. They want 50% down when we order. Cash, check or credit card, Jim will make a list of those who ordered and call signs. Contact Jim if you would like to order a shirt.

Battery Pack Orders

Battery packs are in please see Carl. The cost was \$4 each.

New Business

MWA School of Radio

Mike talked about the club forming a school of radio. Starting with meet the instructors. Right now we have 5 people Mike, Bob, Cory, Spencer and Bob who are ARRL or W5YI registered instructors. Parker said WVU would allow us to use their conference room/lab space notify them a week ahead of when the room is needed. Mike will be meeting with Jessie at the Red Cross to see if we can use their facilities for training.

Good of the Club

April 23, 2016 St. Mary's Catholic Church will be the Mon County Amateur Club HamFest.

National Parks on the Air

Parker from the WVU ARC mentioned that their club would like to participate in the National Parks on the Air by setting up a station at the New River Gorge. The club would like our help and advice in getting a station set up for the contest. They will get back to us with a range of dates.

Trailer

Bob West has a trailer and would like to donate it to the club as a project to make it a mobile center. 8x12 box trailer, it is unfinished with barn doors and a smaller door. Motion was made to move forward with this project and was approved. Motion passed.

Balloon Launch

Randy reminded everyone about the balloon launch on April 9, 2016 8:30 or 9:00 at Jackson's mill. Information on the launch will be published on the reflector. We need volunteers to help chase the balloon. APRS software can be downloaded to a tablet or smart phone to help locate the balloon. Josh and Dean will send Libby some articles for the web site to let people know what tools are needed for the chase.

Meeting adjourned. 8:02 pm