

Meeting Minutes for Monongalia Wireless Association

June 20, 2017

Meeting convened at 8:03 pm

Meeting minutes for May 16, 2017 were approved.

President's Report-Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMW

- Michael will deliver a press release regarding field day to Dominion Post and may also drop it by WDTV.
- Jim Seckel, KC8YUI asked WDTV to put it on the local page on Thursday, he also contacted WBOY to see if they will announce it there too.
- Dan Ringer, K8WVU, the ARRL Section Manager for West Virginia will be in Morgantown, WV Saturday morning for field day and will visit several clubs around the state.
- Mike has the first Aid kit is ready for field day.

Vice-President-Spence Graham, WT8WV

- Spence Graham and Bill Schultz, WR8S, went to Hamvention and had a good time. They had record number of attendees this year. Traffic was bad the first day but it was fixed by the next day. The forums were packed and the facilities were good. They had 12-14 different food vendors with different types of food. There was free parking and camping this year. The ticket price this year was \$22.
- Bill Schultz and Spence Graham bought the WiresX system for the club as a donation. More information on the system can be found here: <https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/index.php>.

Treasurer's/Secretary Report – Mig Crowe, K8MIG

- Did not have to pay for the repeater fund this month and are expecting a refund from Comcast.
- Dean won 50/50 last month and donated his half back to the club.
- No communications

Sickness and Distress

- WA8YCD – is BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

VE Report – Spence Graham, WT8WV

- One person took the general test and passed.

Field Day-Jim Seckel, KC8YUI and Wick Russell, KC8RHO

- The grass has been cut for the areas that we are using.
- Jim talked with Bob Steele may bring his tractor up to cut the grass in some other areas.
- Dean Thompson, KD8YNY, will bring his generator up on Friday.
- Randy will be bringing two pop ups and power cables and distribution box.
- Antenna launcher and antenna will be coming up on Friday with Randy.

- Randy will pick up the grill on Friday after work from Josh or will bring his grill
- We will set up 15, 20, 40 and 75 meter dipoles.
- Dean will bring up two radio. Bill is bringing his 10Tec.
- GOTA in the information booth will be set up.
- Randy will check with Josh regarding setting up a network.

Old Business

- Mason Dixon special event station-Mike DeHaan, KD8ZMW
There new park superintendent. Mike has the contact information for the person organizing the event for the Mason Dixon anniversary. He mentioned that the scouts might want to come out for that.
- Membership – Mig Crowe, K8MIG
Membership dues are due. \$25 for Full Membership
- Okey shared DX engineering prices on new Yeseau 70, there are some hamfest specials that include free shipping and a \$20 off coupon. The radios are still not available but can be ordered.
- Dan Ringer, K8WV announced there will not be an election for section manager this year. There, there was only one candidate so Dan will be the section manager again this year.

New Business

Bill Schultz, WR8S – Mike Palmer

- Mike's daughters would like to make his equipment available to the club for new HAMS. Mike DeHaan suggested a gold key idea. We discussed setting up a Palmer legacy equipment and library room.
- Mike Palmer's satellite station has been donated to the WVUARC.
- There are a number of amateur radio books, the club will create a library and make the books available for loan. Libby will catalog the books and add lending cards to the books to aid in checking out materials.
- Frances requested help with the radio set up. Bill Schultz and Norton may be able to help.

WVUARC – Frances VanScoy, KC8YUK

- They will be doing a fox hunt tomorrow for 11 year olds.

Marathon-Randy Crowe, N8OZY

- There has not been any news yet, the marathon is normally in September. Dan requested printed course maps.

West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council Convention-Bob West, WA8YCD

- August 18-20 State Amateur Radio Council at Jackson's Mill. Now is a 501 3c organization. Contact mike Farnsworth for table more information.

Club Station

- We may need to put a new antenna on the roof.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.--