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Bylaws Committee Chairman: Jeff Blake N8PSU
Technical Committee Chairman: Kevin Custer WJ8G
Publicity Chairman: Jim Knox N5NWC
Assistant Publicity Chairman: Scott Zimmerland N3XCC

WPRC November 17, 2012 Special Meeting
The Masonic Lodge,
225 West Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney PA

WPRC Notes Log Number 3374
WPRC Audio Log Number 3375 54 min of audio recording
WPRC Meeting Attendance Sheet Log Number 3363

A very informative and open to members and visitors Board of Directors work session was held from 12:30PM until 2:10PM at which time Tom Brew K3WS suggested starting the Special Meeting.

WPRC Special meeting called to order 2:12pm by Jim Knox N5NWC WPRC's new Vice-Chairman elected October 21, 2012. N5NWC is Acting Chairman until the Chairman election to be held at the January meeting.

Jim N5NWC started the meeting with prayer and blessing of all in attendance asking for guidance and support as we all strive to do the best we can in our efforts.

1. As a first order of business Jim N5NWC reestablished the committees for the record going into the new 2013 session of the WPRC. Jim acknowledged that these committees were previously appointed and voted on under Vice-Chairman Paul Plants W3PLP who served his full term until the October elections.

2. Jim Knox confirmed Technical committee established and appointed Kevin Custer WJ8G as chairman.

3. Jim Knox confirmed Bylaws committee established and appointed Jeff Blake N8PSU as chairman.

4. As Jim was announcing public relations committee: Joe McElhaney KR3P called point of order to clarify that the current constitution states the vice-chairman is responsible for public relations. Jim accepted that comment and the responsibility and decided to then delegate some public relations duties to Scott Zimmerman N3XCC.

5. Elaine Bailey K3EMM asked for clarification on acceptance of new member applications. A lot of good around the room discussion took place. Paul W3PLP pointed out the current method of processing new member applications allowed enough time for the Board to process the paperwork. Sam W3CYO suggested that it was ok to accept new members at a current regular meeting but they should be provisional and not given voting rights until the next regular meeting. Kevin WJ8G suggested that the bylaws committee handle final language in the new bylaws planned for early 2013.

W3BC made motion to accept new member applications received at least 15 min prior to the regular meeting as provisional members in good standing with voting rights at the next regular meeting after application acceptance. Kevin WJ8G 2nd. Voted Unanimous zero Nays and 2 Abstentions

Note: Paul W3PLP questioned if this was a modification to the current constitution. All agreed it was a procedural clarification and the new by laws would reflect a new formal process.

6. Reading of the October Meeting Minutes:

W3BC motioned to accept the minutes as published without reading out loud:

Paul W3PLP asked for modifications:

a. Item #3 change to Kevin WJ8G made a motion which was set off the floor by W3PLP to finish current business and Kevin was given a chance to continue his motion that was then withdrawn by Kevin.

b. Joe KR3P asked for modifications:

Item #11 change word approved to addressed

Correct Joe KR3P call sign in 4 places
On the roster list add J to oe correcting Joe's first name

c. Sam W3CYO asked for modifications:
Sam asked to have O added to the end of W3CY in the secretary elections area.

Tom K3WS commented that he was happy so many read the notes so well leading to laughter in the room.

d. Tom K3WS mentioned a modification to change 2nd item # 14 to Item to #15.

W3BC then moved to accept as modified. 2nd Jeff N8PSU 2nd the motion.
Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

7. Technical Committee Report provided by Kevin Custer WJ8G

As the WPRC Technical Committee Chairman, it is my hope to establish a support mechanism to assist the Frequency Coordinator of the WPRC. The Technical Committee should help the Frequency Coordinator by relieving some of the responsibility for research, coverage prediction, and general logistics. Two experienced repeater technical personnel expressed their interest in the Technical Committee at the November Special Meeting. Past WPRC Frequency Coordinator Joseph McElhanev - KR3P and ARCC Database Manager and broadcast engineer Jeff DePolo - WN3A volunteered, and were officially appointed to the WPRC Technical Committee. We will do our best to support the Frequency Coordinator in his duties.

8. Scott N3XCC motioned to officially re-appoint the Frequency Coordinator as a formality moving forward with the new 2013 Session of the WPRC.. Vice-Chairman Jim N5NWC appointed Frank Borbo N3FB as Board appointed Frequency Coordinator.

9. Bylaws Committee Report provided by Jeff Blake N8PSU

Jeff Blake presented information regarding the by-laws committee work in progress.

The committee consists of Jeff Blake N8PSU, Carmine Prestia K3CWP, Alan Carnes N3FJU, Elaine Bailey K3EMM, Cynthia Ruston WB3CNJ.

To date, the committee has sought out and reviewed the Bylaws of the ARCC and a draft document developed by Reed Smith Law Firm of Pittsburgh.

The committee intends to utilize both documents, as well as committee and at large membership input, to develop a new document that reflects operational efficiency, minimizes conflict potential and emulates an efficient structure.

General concepts include updating membership definitions and criteria, improving clarity surrounding the voting privileges of members. Additionally, the committee is discussing the addition of regional representatives to expand member representation on the Board.

It is clear the there are multiple language conflicts in the existing constitution that, under certain circumstances, can promote and perpetuate conflict. The committee hopes to present a document for review by the membership that exhibits solid clarity and operational efficiency that will carry the WPRC forward in the years to come.

10. Public Relations Report

Jim N5NWC gave a brief public relations activity report regarding a possible interference report. He mentioned that between N5NWC and Chuck W3ON the issue was favorably and professionally resolved for all parties.

Tom K3WS - mentioned receiving e-mails complementing the WPRC on fast replies to questions and issues.

W3BC mentioned that he writes and publishes the PE and his willingness to publish a WPRC page in the electronic publication.

N8PSU suggested a formal BoD drafted press release on the WPRC to be released.

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11. Treasurer's Report

Elaine K3EMM read the Treasurer report for Chuck W3ON who could not attend the special meeting due to illness.

Expenses: \$72.00 Check 1013-Bill Kristoff N3BPB Postage --otal Expenses: \$72.00

Deposits:	10/31	\$0.07	Interest
Deposits:	11/7	\$585.00	Dues
Total Deposits:		\$585.07	
Beginning Balance:		\$3872.13	
Total Expenses:		\$72.00	
Total Deposits:		\$585.07	
Ending Balance:		\$4385.20	

Note: Check 1011 to Reed Smith issued 7/31 \$424.50 Incorporation Payment (Cashed 8/23)

Kevin WJ8G motioned to accept. 2nd by Jeff N8PSU 2nd - Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

12. Old Business

Joe KR3P mentioned an issue with N3DDY 443.900 coordination of 3 years ago. After some discussion and look up by Frank N3FB, Tom K3WS suggested sending the issue to the Technical committee for proper processing.

Joe KR3P motioned to move issue to the Tech Committee for research and resolution. Elaine K3EMM 2nd the motion. Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

13. WPRC Incorporation Status

Jeff N8PSU, who has handled this issue very well, reminded us of what needed to be done to complete the incorporation process for WPRC. We simply need to cut a \$125.00 check, enclose it with the release letter and signed application and mail it back to the Pa. State Department. A Thank you from the group was expressed to Jeff N8PSU for his efforts in this project.

Jeff N8PSU motioned to have Ron Frank of Reed Smith Inc serve pro bono as a consultant on WPRC Bylaws matters. Voted Unanimous zero Nays and 1 Abstentions

13a. Side note inserted December 12, 2012 by Tom K3WS. WPRC is now officially incorporated as of this publication.

14. Return of WPRC property

Joe KR3P returned the raised seal frequency coordinator stamp. Receipt signed by Tom K3WS and raised seal issued to Frank N3FB by Jim N5NWC.

In an effort to finally clear up all open issues between WPRC and Joe KR3P, Tom K3WS asked the group if there were any remaining unsettled issues as we desire to go into 2013 with a clean slate between the WPRC and Joe KR3P.

Paul W3PLP brought up the ownership of the domain wprc.us. After a lot of around the room discussion. Kevin WJ8G motioned that the WPRC absorb and transfer wprc.us to WPRC ownership, with WPRC covering any costs to do so. Joe KR3P agreed to allow this transfer. Jeff WN3A 2nd the motion. Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

K3WS asking Paul W3PLP and Sam W3CYO for their concurrence, as long time WPRC members, if this closes out the open Joe KR3P items and with their concurrence announced this now concludes all open business with Joe KR3P. We can now move on with a clean slate.

15. Comment

Jim N5NWC reported on a reported cross band concern. He noted it was cleared up with a few e-mails and the help of Chuck W3ON. WJ8G noted while monitoring the e-mail traffic how W3ON's reply was very technically correct.

16. Automation

N5NWC mentioned this was very well discussed in the open work session held before the official start of the special meeting. Note: Everyone in the special meeting attended the open work session.

It was noted that Elaine K3EMM and Tom K3WS have made a lot of progress on electronic automation of WPRC documentation and processing and all board members are participating in the new filing and processing system.

17. **Next Meeting.** Jim N5NWC announced the next meeting will be in Washington PA Jan 20th. Confirmed as listed on wprcinfo.org

Paul W3PLP mentioned alternate site very close if the center is tied up with an emergency.

Joe KR3P questioned the size of the Greensburg site. It was agreed this would be discussed next meeting.

18. Adjournment. Sam W3CYO motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul W3PLP 2nd -Voted Unanimous zero Nays and zero Abstentions

18a. Jim N5NWC adjourned the Special Meeting at 3:12 pm November 17, 2012.

"Let's Eat!!!" Most in attendance stayed and enjoyed a very nice meal prepared by those in attendance. It was a nice way to end the day, with a lot of general comments complementing each other on a very productive meeting. We are ready for 2013.

All WPRC meetings are digitally recorded for accuracy and quality assurance.

20. Attendance as copied from the signed attendance Log Number 3363

Tom Brew	K3WS	Member – Secretary
Frank Borbo	N3FB	Member – Frequency Coordinator
Elaine Bailey	K3EMM	Member – Assistant Secretary
Jim Knox	N5NWC	Member – Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman
Sam Mayberry	W3CYO	Member
Paul Plants	W3PLP	Member
Patty Marshall	N3XAR	Member
Joe McElhaney	KR3P	Member
Jeff DePolo	WN3A	Member
Scott Zimmerman	N3XCC	Member – Publicity Committee Co-Chair
Kevin Custer	WJ8G	Member – Technical Committee Chairman
Terry Carlson	W3GFD	Member
Gerald Bosak	WD3D	Member
Alan Carnes	N3FJU	Guest
Lori Bobro	KB3GMU	Guest
Joe Shupienis	W3BC	Member
Mike Errigo	WB3EQW	Member
Jeff Blake	N8PSU	Member—Bylaws Committee Chair
Jack Brew		Guest

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Notes compiled by Tom Brew K3WS with submissions from Kevin WJ8G, Jeff N8PSU and Elaine K3EMM and editing and formatting by Elaine K3EMM

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Special Committees, Thank you to everyone for your continued support and assistance in the growth and continued success of the WPRC providing effective coordination services to the amateur community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year See you all Jan 20th.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Brew K3WS – Secretary

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Please note that these meeting notes are subject to review at the next regular WPRC meeting.

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