

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2021 monthly meeting for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Perlick. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 29 members present.

President's Report:

Passwords - The club has a new Zoom sign-in and password. Meeting information was sent to current members. The members only password to the website will be changed after tonight's meeting.

Antennas - The Discone has two separate antennas and only one is working, the other needs some maintenance.

V/P Report:

7QP - The 7QP sign-up list will be posted on the website tomorrow and Rick did a demonstration on how to sign up.

There was some confusion about whether CW and digital will be worked during 7QP. These modes can be worked from home. The deployed site will be voice only. Logs need to be submitted to Rick by May 3rd.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave his financial report and advised that the board position of Treasurer would be open next year. The Club thanked him for his services during the past and current year.

The Secretary had nothing to report.

Past President's Report:

Continuity Folder - The project for a club continuity folder is being spearheaded by Tom. The folder will serve as an operational reference in the event of a board vacancy, as a training tool for new board members, and as a primer on the required and recommended actions for each board position. A big "Thank you!" to Tom for his time and efforts to ensure a smooth transition for future board members.

V/E Session - The testing session was a success with one new upgrade to General and one to Extra.

Committee Reports:

Technical:

Repeaters - The audio between the two repeaters was balanced and is now working well. The allocation for a repeater was received from Brandmeister.

Club Station - Remoting the club station is proceeding. We still need to obtain software and the volunteers need to find time to get the equipment installed. The club appreciates the hard work and number of hours that have been so generously given.

New Business:

It's time to start thinking about Field Day. There appears to be limited member interest in participation at this point, but hopefully excitement will build as the event nears. We need a volunteer for chairman. Interested parties should notify our club President.

Presentation:

Mike Bass provided us with a presentation on Winlink. The presentation has now been posted on the club website. Winlink is up and running in both Vara FM and Packet modes. The project was completed through equipment donations as well as many hours of work by Mike and other volunteers. Their time and expertise are very much appreciated. For those interested in general Winlink information or downloads, go to website www.winlink.org or contact Mike with specific help requests.

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