Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held on 6 Febuary 2024 at 1 PM.

In attendance were: All elected board members as well as: Bob Junke, K7DC; Tom Smith, K7AFA; John Lynn, KL7CY; Mike Nestor, KL7KTP; Jon Otto, AD7GS

President Gene welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Old Business:

Churches on the Air (CHOTA): Bruce, K3BAT stated everything is ready to go and confirmed with Tom and Rick, K7RCR. Bruce will send out a reminder to all club members inviting them to participate.

Hamfest: John Lynn, hamfest chair, stated he was contacted by a vendor wishing to participate. John thought originally the plan was no vendors but following a lengthy discussion a motion by Bruce allowing vendors to participate was made and seconded by Rick. Following more lengthy discussion the vote was unanimous to allow vendors to participate. It was also suggested that John send an email to the club to try and determine how many club members are planning on helping and how many will be leaving items for the consignment table.

Inventory Update:

John Lynn has not updated the inventory recently but will after the hamfest. Bruce stated he would like to see an updated inventory for the Country Store items prior to the hamfest with another after the hamfest. John stated he would do this.

Club Nets:

Dave Bowen brought up the club sponsored nets. Dave stated the Oatmeal and Simplex Nets are active but the Snow Bird, Sunday Evening and DMR Nets are not seeing any activity. He suggested the inactive nets need to be dropped or an effort made to find net control stations. Tom Lang said no action is required and John Lynn stated that all nets need a net control station if they are to be viable nets. After some lengthy discussion it was decided to highlight the inactive nets on the web site with a note that if someone wants be an NCS for a net they should contact the club president to see about making the net active again. The board agreed.

New Business

Green Valley First Responders Fair:

Fair is Saturday, 23 March at the Canoa Ranch. Last year John Lynn and Roger Johnson, K5IP coordinated the event for the club. They have both agreed to do this again this year. The president of the Green Valley Council is the POC. Gene gave the contact info to Tom who will make the contact on behalf of the club. Gene asked for a

motion to participate in this activity which was done by Tom and seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously.

Club Repeaters:

Gene has received comments concerning the WIN system being on the 29 repeater. Ron said the reason this is happening is because the 29 repeater goes unused most of the time. After some discussion a motion Ron made a motion to remove the WIN system from the 29 repeater, convert the DMR repeater back to a UHF analog repeater and put the WIN system on the UHF repeater. Echo Link will also be restored to the 29 repeater. The motion was seconded by Tom. Motion passed unanimously. Ron thinks he can accomplish all of this in the next month.

Road Cleanup:

Next road cleanup is Saturday March 16 at 7:30 AM.

Club Listing on ARRL Web Site

Rick stated he has updated the club info on the ARRL web site and that he has listed himself as the POC for updating the club info.

Membership Renewals

Rick asked how many people had not renewed by 31 January. Ron replied 22 had not renewed and the present membership is now 95. Ron will send an email to those not renewing they have until 15 Feb to renew or they will be taken off the roster, reflector list and no longer have access to the web site. Gene was advised he will need to come up with a new password so after 15 Feb the password can be changed and the membership advised.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.