

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2024

Attendees – Gene Short, Joe Pinter, Tom Lang, Bruce Tewksbury, Dave Bowen,  
Guests - Mike Nester, Mike Hjerpe, Wayne ????, Steve ????, Jon Otto

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 via Zoom.

#### Old Business

- Gene restated that, we left that antenna and tower at the SAV. We are not going to do anything with that equipment.
- No one except Tom Lang should be talking to the SAV.

#### New Business

- 29 repeater updates.
  - We received two offers from GVARC members to relocate our 29 and 440 repeaters. Dave Donnelly & Gary “Beetle” Bailey
  - Bruce and Gene visited both sites.
    - Both are within a 1/2 mile from each other,
    - One with a clear view into Green Valley, one closer to the Santa Ritas.
    - One site allows the antenna to be mounted on a push up pole on the side of the garage or the guard rail over the garage. The other will require a tower to mount the antenna.
    - One has full time A/C in the garage, the other has no A/C
    - One uses a Tesla Solar powerwall, the other has no solar or backup power
    - One has Internet access which we may connect to, the other will require us to create an internet connection.
    - Both will utilize the Equipment cabinet from Elephant Head.
    - Neither has a good line of site to Rio Rico and South. Perhaps we can use the 27 repeater to assist. Work in progress.
  - Mike Nester has a friend with tower access on Mt. Lemmon – Gene prefers to remain closer to Green Valley and use the services of a member.
  - Timing plan
    - We need to be out of Elephant head by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Ron is in Canada.
    - We will remove the gear from Elephant head and store it at the chosen site
    - When Ron returns with in a couple of weeks and is rested, he will install at the chosen site. There will be an outage.
    - Mike Nester offered his 4WD pickup and a flat bed trailer
  - Tom Lang moved to accept Dave Donnelly’s offer. Joe Pinter seconded.  
Note: This the site with a garage, A/C, Internet and a line of site into Green Valley.
  - Vote – 4 officers present Yes, 2 proxy’s from Ron and Rick - Yes. Unanimous

- Bruce noted that the Web SDR will need special considerations and Jon mentioned the WebMail Station. Some services may take longer to get in place.
- Preparedness Event, scheduled for September 21, 2025. Tom Lang and John Lynn are setting this up for this year's participation. GVR West Center 8 am to noon/1 pm - 7 am setup.
- 2025 Hamfest, The Yuma and Quartzite HamFests are Returning. Hence our schedule set for March 8, 2025. Start at 8. John Lynn a again going to be our chairman. Rudy and Gene checked out Valley Presbyterian and they are excited for us to return

#### Other Business

- Bruce asked about the Christmas Party. Tom responded that he will get going on it ASAP.
- Gene and Mike Nester continue to work with (JSE) a company which will sell logo'ed items to our members. Mike placed a test order, which should arrive the end of this week. The goods will be shown to members and once the site gets the OK, it will become available on the GVARC.us members menu for orders, whether online or via a phone call to the vendor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm – Moved by Bruce Tewksbury, seconded by Dave Bowen

Minutes by Jon Otto, standing in for our Secretary.