

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held on 5 November 2024 at 1 PM.

In attendance were board members:

Gene Short, N8ELA; Joe Pinter, KK7DB; Rick Rogers, K7RCR; Ron Phillips, AA7RP; Tom Lang, K7VOA; Dave Bowen, N7DMB and Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT.

Also in attendance were:

Mike Nester, KL7KTP, Steve Smith, KY7H, Bill Thompson, KK7CYG; and Jon Otto, AD7GS

President Gene welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The board meeting for January will be on 31 Dec. It was decided to leave it that date and not reschedule for the holiday.

Tom Smith, K7AFA who will be conducting the election has sent out an email to the club stating how the election will be conducted. President Gene asked if there was any questions/issues and all board members were satisfied with how the election was to be done.

Tom Lang will continue to send out email reminders about the Christmas Party on 12 Dec. There are currently 15 people signed up. Joe asked if there was a minimum number required and Tom stated no minimum but a max of 60.

The club liability insurance has been renewed.

Tom Smith has notified President Gene the cost of Zoom for 2025 will be \$159.00 (\$10 increase). Joe made a motion to renew Zoom at \$159.00. Seconded by Dave. All voted in favor. Tom will be reimbursed.

Ron gave the treasurers report:

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| Repeater Fund balance: | \$ 1595.04 |
| General Fund balance: | \$ 9682.29 |
| TOTAL: | \$11277.33 |

President Gene commented that in the future he would like the expenditures for the previous month included in the monthly report as well.

Repeater Update: Ron has everything ready to go for re-installation on the 29 rptr including Echo Link. The UHF rptr is working with WIN Sytem. Ron and Bruce will be going to the repeater site on Saturday to re-install and while there will relocate the antenna to see if that will help with the noise problem. They will also install lightning arrestors and a ground rod. Rick asked if there was a plan if these measures do not work. There is not. Rick then asked if the noise problem is still present should consideration be given to not having/needing a club repeater since the GVARC has access to the OVARC Keystone Mountain repeater at their invitation. They have also stated that we could install EchoLink and WinLink on that repeater. Joe stated that

every effort should be made to keep the 29 active at least as a backup for the area. Tom Lang suggested we wait and see what happens on Saturday. There is still a possibility of a repeater being installed at the Santa Rita Fire District HQ. Rick asked if a WinLink node can be established on the 29 and the answer is unknown. Right now we are in a wait and see mode to see if these new measures will work.

Churches on the Air (CHOTA) – Bruce stated that if this activity is going forward for 2025 then planning needs to start right now. Bruce will be unable to head this up this year. After some protracted discussion it was decided to table this until the January board meeting.

Bruce asked where we are with Hamfest planning. Tom Lang responded that ARRL has approved our hamfest and everything that goes with it as far as ARRL is concerned. Bruce said we need to find out from John Lynn where we are in the planning process.

ARCA – Tom made a motion to renew the club's membership in ARCA. It was seconded by Dave and passed without opposition. Rick will submit the application and pay the fees and be reimbursed by the club.

President Gene expressed his appreciation to Ron for all the hard work he has been doing for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM. Next board meeting is 3 Dec.