

## **Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The December 2020 monthly meeting and Christmas Social for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Smith. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 25 members present.

### **New Members:**

Welcome to Scotty and Darla Ward!  
Also, Sharon Smith upgraded to a lifetime membership!

### **President's Report:**

**Christmas Social** - Tom expressed regrets that the Christmas Social was unable to be held in person, but felt that given the second wave of Covid-19 cases it had been a prudent decision.

**Inventory**- Inventory of club equipment has been completed and those items deemed valuable enough will be covered by insurance.

**V/E Testing** - Six people have signed up for testing on the 14th. Testing will be held outdoors with social distancing at Anamax Park in Sahuarita at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in testing but not yet signed up may contact Norm Kibbe.

**Equipment** - Tube amplifiers are not going to be replaced due to expense. We will be operating barefoot on 20 meters until a decision is made about purchasing solid state. The existing amplifier will be listed for sale "as is".

**SAV Ham Shack** - We need to consider restoring accessibility. We also are looking at obtaining a simpler transceiver in the future, at a potential cost of \$3000 to \$3500.

**Road Clean Up** - Will be held on March 20th, 2021. Meeting at Taco Bell at 7:00 a.m. We should discuss whether we want to do a Spring Picnic in conjunction with the Road Clean Up.

**V/P Report** - The system of microwave links that supply internet to the mountain is failing. Given the club interest in installing DMR (which requires internet), we should consider upgrading in the next few months.

**Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer provided his report and advised that for the month we had \$170 of income and \$0 expenses.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Country Store** - Items that have not sold will be listed as Buy It Now.

**Winter Field Day** - Nine people have indicated interest in participating. The location obtained is Grace Church in Sahuarita. No electricity will be available, so generators will be necessary. Over night parking for RVs is available, and Rick has obtained a quote for a portable toilet. If you have not already indicated your interest in participating to Rick Rogers via email, please do so now.

**Hand Over** - President Tom Smith gave closing remarks and individually thanked those who had assisted throughout the past year. He displayed Certificates of Appreciation awarded to Rick Rogers and Jon Otto for their exceptional work. Tom symbolically handed over the GVARC gavel and keys to President elect John Perlick.

John expressed his thanks to the membership for trusting him with his new duties; he considers it a high honor to serve as President of the club. John's goal is to make the club as much fun as possible, and is in the process of working with others on a survey to prioritize the interests of the club members. Watch for the survey to be posted on our website in the near future.

**Christmas Social** - The meeting was followed by a virtual Christmas Social. Members defied the Covid Grinch by wearing Christmas sweaters, Santa hats, and displaying fun Christmas backgrounds and videos on their computer screens. The conversations centered around CW and personal updates.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jeanne Crane  
Secretary, GVARC