

# 08/2023 GVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The August board meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

**Attendees:** Bruce Tewksbury, Tom Lang, Jeanne Crane, Tom Smith, Dave Bowen, John Lynn, Jon Otto, Ron Phillips (Zoom), Rick Rogers (Zoom), Gene Short (Zoom), and Ed Toal (Zoom).

**V/E Testing** - A discussion was held on how to avoid scheduling mishaps and insufficient number of examiners at testing sites. Suggestions included sending out reminder emails to both examiners and test applicants, as well as having more than the required number of examiners at exam sessions. There was a brief review of the requirements to become an examiner. The ARRL website has a manual and an open book test.

**Website Updating** - There are several areas of our club website that need updating. Members who have area responsibilities should review the website and submit changes to the webmaster, Jon Otto.

**Inventory** - Members who have responsibilities for each of the four inventory groups (Tom Lang, Ron Phillips, John Lynn, Bruce Tewksbury) should submit their updates by August 26th for a test run of the procedures recently adopted to keep inventory current. Results will be compiled and reviewed at Sept 6th board meeting and updated inventory given to Jon Otto for listing on Web Site. A brief discussion was held on using a numbering plan for inventory and the subject was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

**Green Valley Swap Meet** - Discussion continued on a potential GVARC sponsored swap meet to be held in January or February. John Lynn tentatively agreed to be the committee lead. Once a decision on a date has been made, Rudy Sweisfurth will coordinate a location. It was noted that deconfliction between the swap meet and any other scheduled local events would be crucial to success.

**Club Newsletter** - The board would like the newsletter Microphone to continue and suggested that an email be sent out to solicit content from the members.

**Number of Board Members** - After discussion regarding increasing the number of board members from 7 to 9, it was decided that the current board size is sufficient. Members of the club are welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings, and several do. A suggestion was made to send out an email inviting members to attend board meetings. It was also mentioned that the position of Director at Large is considered a training ground for other positions on the board.

**Spousal Board Membership** - A question was posed as to whether it was appropriate for spouses to be concurrent board members. The by-laws are silent on this matter and it was determined that it would not be an issue.

## **Electronic Voting Committee Recommendations -**

Ed Toal briefed the board on the committee discussions and recommendations regarding electronic voting.

A motion was made by Ed Toal, seconded by Dave Bowen to make a change to the by-laws:

**“Members attending telephonically/electronically shall be deemed present for voting and election purposes, and modes and processes for such voting shall be determined by the board of directors.”**

The motion carried unanimously, and will be presented to the club members for their consideration at the next club meeting. Passage of the amendment will require approval by 2/3 of the members present. A question arose regarding proxies and it was reiterated that should the membership adopt the by-law change, proxies will continue to be accepted as in the past. The adoption of electronic voting was presented as an enhancement to current voting process.

The board determined today that should the by-law change carry, Zoom will be the process to be used for the upcoming November election.

Bruce Tewksbury will send a Reflector message giving notice to club members regarding the vote on the by-law change at the August meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the need for training on how to vote electronically in advance of the elections. The matter was tabled for further discussion after the club membership votes on the by-law change.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP  
Secretary, GVARC