

12/2023 GVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The December 2023 board meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Green Valley AZ.

Attendees: Bruce Tewksbury, Rick Rogers, Tom Lang, Ed Toal, Jeanne Crane, Bob Junke, Ron Phillips, Jon Otto, Dave Bowen, Gene Short, Joe Pinter.

HamFest - A discussion was held regarding HamFest. A motion was made and carried to allow a member to drop off a maximum of 3 items to be sold at the HamFest with no commission charged.

Multi-band Antenna - The multi-band antenna that has been donated to the Red Cross is still in the possession of Rick Rogers as the Red Cross is still working through installation procedures.

ARCA Dues - The ARCA dues have been paid.

Christmas Party - An update was given on the Christmas party; 38 people are signed up.

Winter Field Day - An update was given on Winter Field Day, which will be held January 26th, 27th and 28th.

Churches on the Air - An update on Churches on the Air was given. The event will be held on February 10th at 3 separate locations and with 3 separate frequencies.

DMR Repeater - The DMR repeater is still being worked on and will not be back on the mountain until sometime after the New Year.

Club Nets - A discussion on the club nets was held. It was noted that the Simplex Net and the Oatmeal Net were the only two nets experiencing much activity. Both nets have a dedicated Net Controller instead of relying upon volunteers. It was suggested that a committee be formed next year to consider ways to generate interest in the nets and decide how many nets were needed. It was pointed out that there are preambles and closing statements posted on the club website and that Net Controllers have options regarding the use of the suggested verbiage.

Storage Room Keys - Bruce Tewksbury, John Lynn and Tom Lang have the three existing keys for the club storage unit and will hand them over to the appropriate people when the Board changes hand in January.

Reflector - Ed Toal would like to retire as the administrator of the Reflector. Both Ron Phillips and Bob Junke are authorized on the system. Ron Phillips will be the interim administrator until a permanent volunteer is found. The club would like to thank Ed for his many years of service in handling the Reflector...a job well done, Ed!

Equipment Donation Procedures -

Joe Pinter recently donated equipment to the club, and feels that the procedures as currently practiced may need some review. As a donor, he feels that he should have received a receipt on club letterhead indicating the items donated. Jon Otto clarified how our procedures currently work:

When a donor wants to donate equipment, the donor clicks a link on the webpage. This generates an email that goes to John Lynn. John Lynn then sends an email from his personal email acknowledging the items received. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the email from John Lynn to the donor should actually come from a club email and be on club letterhead. This would provide the donor with a receipt that would be appropriate for a tax write-off.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP

GVARC Secretary