

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the Board and requested members at large of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held early on June 30th, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was convened through video conference due to the pandemic.

Attendees:

Tom Smith, K7AFA, President
Gary Carroll, W0QN, Treasurer
Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP, Secretary
Jon Otto, AD7GS
Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT
Beetle Bailey, K7GSB
Rick Rogers, K7RCR
Tom Lang, K7VOA

Motions:

A motion was made and carried to open a Zoom account in the name of the club, with the GVARC board controlling access to the account. Cost will be \$15 or less a month. Along with facilitating board and membership meetings during the pandemic, the Zoom account has the potential to enhance licensing instruction. There was also the suggestion of a live Country Store Auction and possibly Zoom CW classes.

A motion was made and carried to add a Consignment Store to the website to assist members and spouses of Silent Keys in selling their Ham Radio equipment. The items will have a reasonable minimum bid price (no Buy It Now price), and the club will receive 20% of the final price as a commission with the remaining 80% paid out to the seller.

A motion was made and carried to add two more Director at Large positions to the GVARC board, bringing the total number of board positions to nine. The additional positions will expire at the end of the year unless the incoming President elects to retain them. This motion will go forward for a vote by the membership.

Updates:

Repeaters:

Both repeaters continue to function normally. EchoLink is still experiencing issues that may be code related. The EchoLink problems impact nets and monthly meetings.

Net Control:

The club is still does not have enough members signing up for Net Control. Solutions were discussed, including changing the net times or days, assigning advance Ham Radio related discussion topics, discontinuing low participation nets, or going forward with self-controlled nets for those days where no Net Controllers could be found (similar to the Trivaloney net).

Field Day:

Not enough member feedback has been received to report our final contact numbers.

Using the N7GV call sign, Bruce Tewksbury and Rick Rogers operated remotely from Mount Lemmon at an elevation of 7500 feet and were able to make 79 contacts.
The highest reported number of contacts made were on CW by Art Blank.

Insurance:

Liability insurance under ARRL goes into effect on July 1st at a 40% savings over our previous policy. Equipment insurance will be addressed once inventory has been completed.

By Laws:

A copy of the amended By Laws has been posted on the website.

Side Notes:

The July 8th club meeting will be held on Zoom only due to logistics.

The White Elephant Parade has been cancelled.

A suggestion was made to award Field Day 2020 pins to those members who participated. No decision made.

Interest is being gauged for a Zoom class in CW. Members should communicate if interested.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC