

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of the Board and requested members at large of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held on October 7th, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was convened through video conference due to the pandemic.

Attendees:

Tom Smith, K7AFA, President
Ron Phillips, AARP, Vice President
Gary Carroll, W0QN, Treasurer
Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP, Secretary
Jon Otto, AD7GS
Rick Rogers, K7RCR
Ed Toal, N9MW
Tom Lang, K7VOA
Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT
Beetle Bailey, K7GSB

Motions:

A motion was made and passed to cancel the 2020 Christmas party due to concerns about COVID-19.

President's Report:

Rick Rogers and Tom Smith are still to meet to discuss inventory to be insured.

Discussion was held on the feasibility of a Christmas party this year given the COVID-19 risk. Alternative options such as an outdoor picnic were considered. Also discussed was the break even point in the event of low turnout due to the pandemic. After weighing options, benefits and risks, it was decided to err on the side of caution and cancel the event.

Discussion held on ways to grow membership and interest in the club. Rick Rogers had previously forwarded a video related to the topic to board members. The club is already doing many of the methods covered in the video, but is lacking in a club newsletter. Tom Smith will send out a newsletter shortly and it will also be available on the website. The newsletter will be published at least quarterly.

Vice President's Report:

The project to install Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) has not progressed, primarily due to the scarcity of frequency pairs. A decision was made to install the frequency pairs currently in use at SAV at the Elephant Head location. Ron Phillips agreed to allow his low level frequency pair to be installed at the SAV as a replacement to stream WIN system traffic.

WIN is a system of at least 100 repeaters linked together to allow long distance communication.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer provided his report which included income and expenses. The Country Store and Consignment Store have provided the club with a good stream of income and expenses are minimal.

Equipment:

Ron Phillips advised that he ordered two light beams (part of the microwave system) for \$150.00. Our light beams need to be replaced and Ron was able to obtain the replacements at a good price.

Country Store:

The Country Store has done brisk business over the past few months but now has some items that are not moving. Bruce Tewksbury will look into obtaining an eBay account for the club with the thought of selling the items online.

All of the Consignment Store items have sold.

Upcoming Elections:

The nominating committee advised that the following people had volunteered or been nominated for board positions:

Past President - Tom Smith

President - John Perlick

VP - Rick Rogers

Treasurer - Gary Carroll

Secretary - Jeanne Crane

Members at large - Tom Lang, Ron Phillips (Technical Director) and Bruce Tewksbury.

Currently we have three people in consideration for the two members at large positions. We may want to consider carrying forward into next year the additional members at large positions that were recently approved for 2020.

If other members would like to volunteer or nominate another, there is still time to do so. Nominees must either be physically present or provide their acceptance in writing.

The elections will be held next month, and a discussion was held on how to conduct the voting process and also provide for anonymity.

GVARC Zoom account -

Zoom is for individuals only and does not provide for a club account. Tom Smith will research Microsoft Team as a possibility for online meetings. Currently club and board meetings are being held on Tom Smith's individual Zoom account and we are interested in setting up an online meeting format designated to GVARC.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC