

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER, 2021

The December 2021 GVARC Board meeting, held via video conferencing (Zoom), was called to order on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm MST, by President John Perlick. Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP, was sorely missed due to medical issues. We wish her well.

Attendees:

John Perlick - K0UOM – President
Rick Rogers - K7RCR – Vice President/President-elect
Gary Carroll - W0QN – Treasurer
Larry Bailey - K7LRB – Secretary-elect
Tom Smith - K7AFA – Past President/Vice President-elect
Bob Junke - K7DC – Treasurer-elect

Directors at large: (for 2022)

David Bowen - WD0FWR
Ron Phillips - AA7RP

Members at large:

Jon Otto - AD7GS – Webmaster
Tom Lang - K7VOA
Ed Toal – N9MW

Overview of Topics Discussed

1. Internet at the SAV
2. Club repeaters
3. Remote station
4. In person meetings
5. Silent Key memorial
6. GV Emergency Response Group
7. Winter Field Day
8. Antenna at the SAV
9. Club Survey

Expanded Details

John gave a brief review of last year's "activities", some of which "went right and some of which we didn't achieve". The first five topics are expanded upon here.

1. Internet at the SAV has been "off and on" for some time. We have looked at getting our own internet service at the SAV; will look to Ron Philips for more feedback on this.

2. Ron has also had “issues” with the club repeaters throughout the year; sometimes they are working, sometimes they are not. John offered that, perhaps it is time to consider buying a new repeater in light of the fact that it is hard to get to the repeater at Elephant Head to effect repairs. John emphasized that Ron and done a “superlative effort” at keeping our repeaters operational. However, some of the repeater equipment, both at Elephant Head and the SAV may be reaching “end of life” issues.
3. Remote station operation of the club station: There appears to be a lot of interest in the ability to “remote operate” the club station. This may be a subject to include in the new “member survey” in order to assess exactly how much interest there is in adding remote operating capability.
4. Something that did go well was “in person” meetings. The picnic at Amanax Park was a real “breath of fresh air” and in person gatherings are very important to our club. We just experienced a year where we were “shut down” from in person meetings due to “covid”. John encourages the club to do more “in person” events, to include regular club meetings, drive outs, picnics, etc.
5. John mentioned that Jeanne Crane had mentioned a “Silent Key Memorial” and that it is something that should be added to our club website.
6. Rick, K7RCR, received an email from the Citizen's Core Emergency Response Committee which has invited us to an upcoming meeting where they are going to “make and effort” to “re-activate” the Green Valley (and, hopefully Sahuarita) “Emergency Response Group”. Rick has made the assumption that they would like the GVARC to be a part of this. Rick will follow up and get more information.
7. Winter Field Day: John Perlick has agreed to be the committee chair for WFD and has obtained permission from the Green Valley Fire Department to, again, use the same, indoor room which was used in the past for FD (2019). There is also the possibility of using that same facility for our club meetings; however, John has not broached that subject as yet.
8. The subject of the antenna situation at the SAV was discussed at length and it was proposed that we purchase a new antenna, specifically, the Apha Delta DX-CC, which is available at HRO in Phoenix for about \$160.00. Several other options were considered and it was agreed the Alpha Delta, multi-band dipole is the best choice for installation at the SAV. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the club purchase the Alpha Delta antenna from HRO and those volunteers from the membership would complete the installation in a few days after receipt of the antenna.
9. There was much discussion of participation, or lack thereof, by the membership in club “activities”. It was noted that the GVARC is one of the largest, if not THE largest ham radio club in Arizona with a membership of nearly 150. However, typical activities, meetings, events, nets, operating events (such as FD), etc. seem to only garner a handful of participants. Rick has generated a “member survey” which has been emailed to the membership; however, the number of surveys returned has been “dismal”. Several suggestions were made for additions/modifications to the survey in hopes to increase the response and to help determine what will 'motivate' the membership to become more involved in club activities. Rick has requested suggestions for ways to modify and/or improve the survey. He will then make any applicable changes and “re-send” the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.