

GVARC Member Meeting Minutes 8-10-23

Members in attendance: 21 in person, 4 on Zoom.

Introductions: New member and new tech: Jeff Perkins, KK7NWO who is the second recipient of a free Baofeng radio.

Reports:

- Tom Lang (VP): Christmas party will be December 14th at the Grill on the Green. Details will be posted on the website by September 1st. It will be a buffet at \$28 per person, and there will be beef brisket, chicken, and a no-host bar.
- Bruce (President):
 - Compliments to Jeanne for her efforts on the “Microphone” newsletter. You can read it on the club website. (Jeanne was absent due to illness).
 - Remember the Thursday dinners at 4:30. This week it’s at the 19th Hole. See Cathy or look on the website for signup.
 - Inventory: Going through an update now. Bruce emphasized the need for an accurate inventory for accountability to the members.
 - Newly proposed activities for next year:
 - GVARC Hamfest, tentatively set for Feb 24th at the Valley Presbyterian Church; John Lynn will be chair.
 - Churches on the air: We need 3 churches – we currently have two. Tentative date is Feb 10th. More to follow.
 - ARCA (Amateur Radio Council of Arizona). Bruce emphasized that we are a member, and that ARCA does a lot of good things for the community (scholarships, grants, etc.) as well as provide \$\$ back to member clubs. They meet 6 times a year – we need someone to step forward to represent GVARC at ARCA meetings.
- Bob Junke: (Treasurer): Club has \$11,000 in the bank; details are on the website under Treasurer’s report. Name badges are available through Bob.
- Jon Otto: (Webmaster): The counter function has been restored with great effort. We had 1043 visits in July. Many of our areas have increased in visits; one example is that interest in classes has increased 69%.
- Ron Phillips (Repeaters): SDR is now working.
- Tom Smith:
 - (VE testing): 5 sat for Technician in the July session; 4 passed. One who passed tech sat for general but didn’t pass. Thanks to Mike Bass and Ron Phillips for their VE service at the test. Next test will be in October with Dave Bowen officiating. More VEs are encouraged to come and support the effort. President Bruce has committed to getting checked out as a VE – pressure is on, Bruce!

- (Elmer's list): Three people are now studying for Technician. Other queries included new radio programming and installation of mobile gear in a new member's truck.
- Sharon Smith (Road Clean-up): Plan for road clean-up in early to mid-September – check the reflector for messages soon.
- Cathy Tewksbury (substituting for Linda Boeck with drive-outs): Sabina Canyon is still on for September 2nd. Meet at the library at 5 p.m. to caravan together. Beetle Bailey has also arranged a tour of a powder coating facility on September 28th at 10 pm. Meet at 9 am at the library for caravanning to the facility. Finally, Van Gogh is available in Tucson: Check out the Van Gogh website and let Kathy or Linda know if you're interested.
- Country Store: Currently on hold due to John Lynn's pending knee surgery. It should resume in October.

Bylaw Change: President Bruce introduced a bylaw change allowing members to vote telephonically/electronically for any member voting and for all elections. This is the result of a committee's effort led by Ed Toal. Motion was made by Jon Otto; Second by Tom Lang. Measure passed with 24 voting yes with one abstention. Wording of the approved bylaw addition: **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.**

Minutes recorded by Tom Smith, K7AFA for our absent Secretary.