Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board and requested members at large of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held on 2 April 2019 at 10:35 A.M.

In attendance were:

Gary (Beetle) Bailey, K7GSB, President Ron Phillips, AA7RP, Vice President Tom Lang, K7VOA, Director Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT Jon Otto, AD7GS Bob Call, K7RWC, Treasurer Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA, Secretary Tom Smith, K7AFA, Director Earle Cate, N0ISB Cathy Tewksbury, KF7DZA

The April meeting presentation will showcase the new web site. Jon will be the principal presenter.

N7GV Update: The license is still showing active and belonging to Lloyd Miller. Ron will keep trying to get the FCC to release the license to our club.

Town of Sahuarita has erected the new road cleanup signs. Next cleanup will be late August to early September time frame.

Jon Otto said the new web site has generated a new contact from Rio Rico so the web site is generating interest. Earle commented there is more interest in Rio Rico as well and so maybe a class could be formed. As more features of the web site become available word will be put out to the club. Regarding the Members Only portion of the web site, it was decided that anyone who is a member as defined in the club by laws will be given access. It was also requested to put a calendar of events in 30 day calendar format on the web site.

Tom Smith said that Rick Paquette, K7RAP, who is the AZ ARRL Section Lead will be attending the May meeting.

Some ARRL Field Day planning needs to take place. As a dress rehearsal the club will participate in 7 QP on May 4th which is a 7th call area activity. We would like to do this activity at the Titan Missile Museum, one of the Sahuarita town parks, or Beetle's QTH. Rick will check with the museum director to see if we can put up extra antennas. The focus of this activity is to get members familiar with operating in the field not to score contest points. NOTE: The museum director said no problem with the extra antennas as long as everything is confined to the overflow parking area.

Cathy Tewksbury and Dee Gross, AD7NM are going to head up the effort to get shirts with the club logo. Cathy has contacted some vendors and gotten prices, type of shirts available, colors, etc. There will be a club survey done to determine what the membership wants. Right now it is suggested that we look at getting a polo/golf type shirt (short sleeve w/collar) and/or long sleeve tee shirt. The survey will decide style, colors, embroidery, etc.

Ed Toal, Ron, and Bruce rehabbed Ray Soifer's HF antenna. Beetle and Bruce were able to get an HF station set up inside Ron Gross' home. More work may be required.

Rick and Tom L. will start an inventory of club property. More help will be required. We will start with an inventory of the equipment in the club station at SAV. We will also be asking members to let us know what they are storing for the club at their homes. This list can also be used to keep track of donated equipment/materials to redistribute to club members.

A discussion has started about moving the monthly meeting to a different night of the week. Some members do not attend the meeting because of church commitments on Wednesday evenings.

Earle commented that none of the folks from the last class who were not able to make the test session have contacted him about taking the test and that he has made multiple attempts to contact them to no avail. Along the same lines Earle asked if we want to set up a monthly test session or advertise other clubs sessions on our web site. Tom Smith suggested we should do some sort of periodic testing be it monthly or quarterly and advertise with other clubs so they know testing is available for their members as well.

Rick suggested having a presentation on how to use the club station at a monthly meeting. In the mean time Tom Lang will provide individual training as requested. Tom also stated again the club station is only available during SAV business hours.