

GVARC Board Meeting Minutes 04/11/2023

The April boarding meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Attendees: Bruce Tewksbury, Rick Rogers, Tom Lang, Ed Toal, Jeanne Crane (via Zoom), Bob Junke, Ron Phillips, John Lynn, Jon Otto, Dave Bowen, Gene Short.

Old Business:

Voting Procedures - A brief discussion was held regarding revising our voting procedures to include those members who are absent or on Zoom.

Events - Our last radio event garnered 50 contacts, despite the difficulties other stations had in receiving us. A big thanks to all who participated.

Repeaters and WinLink - Another trip needs to be made up to Elephant Head to look at the computer. DMR has been down for awhile due to policy changes with Brandmeister. A reboot resolved the issues. WinLink is not working due to computer issues; a trip will need to be made to Elephant Head to resolve the problems. Pros and cons of the Win System were discussed. A suggestion was made to promote 52 or 55 as a local frequency as it can be hard to break in with on-going conversations due to the long delay times for the repeater.

Preparedness Fair - Despite low traffic, it was felt by the participants that there was real merit to participating in the event. Community exposure is a problem for GVARC, and many local businesses are unaware that we exist. Two exposure suggestions to consider are the Chamber of Commerce and broadcasts by KGBY. Developing a position for a Public Relations officer was brought up in the past, and should be considered again.

Gary Carroll volunteered to be the club Historian and Photographer. Hats off to Gary along with a big thank you! We also need someone to manage club presentations. If interested, please contact President Bruce Tewksbury.

New Business:

Net Control - Another discussion was held on the difficulty in finding volunteers for Net Control. The question posed was whether members are not interested in nets in general or whether they are just shy about being Net Controller. The Tech Net of the past died from lack of interest, and the DMR net is seeing decreased interest. It was noted that the SnowBird net has become a year round event as opposed to its original inception as a summer event.

Special Interest Groups - Special Interest Groups or Teams are part of the club but are not controlled by the club. There is currently a CW Interest Group lead by Gene Short, and an RFI Interest Group is being considered.

As a side note, there is a Friday Tech Net conducted on Win System at 7:00 PM on 2 meter. It was noted that novice questions are given the same dignity and gravity as questions posed by more seasoned operators.

Donated Equipment - There needs to be a formal procedure for picking up equipment donated to the club. A formal procedure will not only help protect the club from potential liability issues, but will also give the club a chance to provide the donor with a receipt and a thank you note. Bruce Tewksbury presented a hard copy donation agreement to the board for consideration. The intent is that two club members will provide the donor with the agreement, all parties will sign, and then two members will remove all donated radio related property as a public service. A motion was made and passed to accept the document as presented with modifications to be made as necessary. The document will be posted on the club website.

Inventory - A motion was made and passed to separate out the fluid Country Club inventory, which can change daily, from the relatively static inventory of the club fixed assets. The inventories are currently published on the website in a combined Excel format. John Lynn, who heads up the Country Store, will maintain a separate accounting of the Country Club inventory. Jeanne Crane, as Secretary, will maintain the static assets of the club. All will continue to be published on the website. A big thank you to all of the board members who provided discussion and offered help in this area.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jeanne Crane, Secretary
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