

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The June 2020 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Smith. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 27 members and guests.

Insurance:

We have applied for insurance through ARRL with a proposed switchover of July 1, 2020. This will save the club money and provide us with better coverage.

Road Clean Up:

Seven people participated on the 22nd and it was so successful that we have been requested to add another clean up. Sharon Smith's hard work was recognized in organizing the event.

Update on members:

Dee Gross provided a health update on her husband, Ron. We all send him our best wishes and greetings.

Silent Key:

John Super, W2CRS, a previous member of GVARC, passed recently. Memorial information is available on the Reflector. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Recognition:

Formal special recognition to Rick Rogers, for all of his work on 7QP. Also, our thanks to Rick for his net scheduling and stepping up to the plate time after time when needed.

Informal recognition to Jon Otto for his considerable work on the website.

Repeaters:

Repeaters and link continue to work well after fine tuning by Ron. Still experiencing difficulties with EchoLink and a solution is being researched.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer provided his financial report.

Country Store:

The auction ended on June 2nd with 5 out of 10 items sold, netting \$140.00.

If you won an item, please make arrangements to pick it up before June 14th.

Considering a consignment process for the Country Store, which could be particularly helpful for the spouses of members who have gone Silent Key.

Field Day:

ARRL has provided a waiver to Field Day rules allowing individual members to operate utilizing their own call sign, then submitting their log specifying that they are a member of "Green Valley ARC". No schedule is required, and club members can count contacts made with each other with each member collecting points. Contacts can also be made on VHF, but you cannot use the repeater. More specific information and suggestions for making contacts will be forthcoming.

Bylaws:

A motion was made and passed 22 to 1 to accept the amendments to the bylaws. The major changes were to abolish term limits and the creation of an Associate Membership.

Future Meetings:

The SAV is still under lockdown. Future meetings will continue to be held in accordance with social distancing practices, with the majority of members preferring Zoom.

Side note:

ARRL members can insure their individual equipment through ARRL at roughly \$1.50 per \$100, and this can include computers.

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Secretary, GVARC