

## GVARC Minutes – Membership Meeting 8 May 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Gene Short N8ELA at the Green Valley Fire District Training room.

- We have no speaker this evening. Ultimately, 5 members attended via Zoom and 20 individuals were in the meeting room.
- Visitors – Earle Conklin W7ERL, recent arrival from the Pacific Northwest. Earle also contributed a DNR radio to the club. Guy Jackson just getting Started and Brother-in-law of Tim Thietje KF0QBG
- Scottie Ward K3TLC will be the August speaker on Cyber Security.
- There will be NO June Board not Membership Meeting. See you in July.
- Field Day will be June 23 & 24, more in a moment
- Gene is looking for a member willing to Chair the Nominations Committee for the elections for this year.

Ron Phillips AA7RP Treasurer, provided financial information. Look at the Members Page for details. The Secretary was Absent. Minutes are posted and Jon Otto is taking notes this evening.

Tom Lang K7VOA Special Events

- Tom Distributed Certificates for new licenses to those in the room. Tim Thietje, Wayne Hatch and Charlie Stachovic.
- Special Event to bury the Titan Coax Mike Hjerpe, Bill Thompson, Gene Short and Mike Nexter. Thank you very much. Apparently it took 20 minutes to complete the task.
- Field Day will be June 23 & 24. Set up will be at 5 pm on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, what does not get finished will be done on Saturday before the event starts at 11. Operators will operate under the license of the most advanced license holder present. So please come operate and or Log. Look for a signup to operate and or log on the Field Day Page. Linda Boeck will arrange for a potluck starting 12:30/1pm Look for a signup on the Field Day Page. We will use the Club's 7300 and our standard Networked Logging Program with a common display for Contact locations. Three Vertical Antennas. John Perlick and Lou Navarro will keep the night shift going. We hope that Fernando will come and entertain us with his Satellite contacts.
- Last Monday was the Special Event to celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Titan Missile museum. The bands were horrible, however folks around the world heard us.
- 7QP was a success with 80 contacts including Hungary.
- Tom was asked about the GVARC sign at Titan. It was acknowledged that it did need some sprucing up. Add it to the list.

Jon Otto AD7GS Webmaster made a few comments, if you see something which is not right, contact the Webmaster, which goes to Jon.

Dave Bowen N7DMB, VE Exams and Nets

- Dave mentioned that the next VE exam is July 16<sup>th</sup>
- 5 new licensees and 2 upgrades at the April Exam.
- Dave mentioned that on Field Day we can accumulate up to 200 points for sending notices NTS Messages. Dave operates on the Sahuaro Net which passes the messages and will attend Field Day to help us.

Mike Bass WA9TKK Winlink Gateway

- The winlink gateway has been active, Mike now posts monthly reports on the our Winlink web page.
- There was a "Field Day" event using winlink messages conducted in conjunction with Red Cross.

Linda Boeck – Drive Outs

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- The next Drive out is anticipated to the De Grazia Art Gallery on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at the library for a 10 am departure and arrive for an 11 am tour. Lunch at Beyond Bread to follow. Let Linda know if you are interested.
- Gene commented that the Drive out to Rooster Cogburn's Ostrich farm was a lot of fun.

The meeting adjourned about 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Jon Otto, standing in for Rick Rogers.