

WEST VOLUSIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

# SECRETARY REPORT

August Minutes 2020

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Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_



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## **MEETING NOTES**

Meeting opened (President Ken (AE2KP)

Using Google Meet video, he hosted the meeting

There were 18 members online.

A Quorum of 15 members would be needed if necessary. There were enough members to constitute a quorum.

President Ken led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements: Members voted to have September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting on a video meet again.

## **SECRETARY REPORT (Tom Lantzy)**

The July 2020 minutes had not been posted on our web page, so President Ken read an abbreviated version of them.

There was a motion to approve by Guy (N4DEL) and seconded by George (AC3EA) Unanimous approval by members

Minutes are posted on the web at <http://westvars.org/monthly-meetings>

## **TREASURER (Michelle Lea)**

President Ken displayed the July Treasury report.

A Motion to approve the July report was made by Guy (N4DEL) and seconded by George (AC3EA) Unanimous approval by members.

Treasurer reports are posted on our web site.

## **REPEATER PROGRAM MANAGER (Dave Sutherland)**

Reed indicated that the DMR repeater, which is temporarily at his house has been working. It does not put out a lot of power so you may

need to be near it to connect. But he can work out any bugs until it can be installed at Hugh Ash Manor which may be some time with the virus still around and gaining access to the Manor is restricted.

Regarding the repeater, Ken indicated, for insurance purpose we need a detailed list of the repeater items and the serial numbers. James indicated that it is important to have the serial number of an item to make an insurance recovery. If anyone has the information, forward it to the Treasurer, Michelle as the insurance is due next month. Wallace (WU1Y) indicated he had some pictures of the repeater equipment he would forward.

### **PROGRAM MANAGER (JIM LOWRY)**

Not present

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER**

Not present

### **TESTING MANAGER (DAVE TEMPLETON)**

Not present

### **EQUIPMENT MANAGER (CHARLIE McCRARY)**

Not present

### **NET MANAGER (BOB CLARKE)**

Bob (W4RWC) was not present for a report. Bob lost his antennas during the tornado and may need help putting up new ones.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

VP James (WX4TV) reported on the last ARES meeting which was held at the ELKS lodge. They were able to get some people on HF for the first time and made numerous contacts. FYI the Brevard ARES is doing a full-scale deployment on the first Saturday of the month. Our ARES will be trying to make contacts with them. They are going to try to use VHF to pass traffic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A new member was voted on and approved by the membership: Allan Sanders KM4JMV.

Dave (N4GMU) requested an updated roster. The Secretary will add the new member to the roster.

President Ken opened a discussion regarding the Volusia County Prepping Club which has a Monday night net on VHF simplex. They are a group focused on the necessity of being prepared in the event of disasters like a lack of communications. Ken offered our club as a group that could help with antennas or testing for advanced ham licenses. Perhaps by reaching out to them we can help in bringing in new amateur radio operators.

Reed questioned if all our members have been accounted for after the recent tornado and maybe we should have a way to do that. Guy suggested we have a buddy system to check on members. After much discussion, it was decided that we would start with active members to create a buddy list. Ken requested the Secretary Tom to compile a list from those attending the meeting and the Wednesday night roll call to establish a current active group. Then we can reach out to that group to see if that are interested in being part of the buddy system. Reed

suggested Ken put out a survey on the web requesting people respond if they would be interested in being part of the buddy system.

Wallace (WU1Y) opened a discussion regarding an antenna on a trailer that the DBARA club has for sell. It looks like a good deal and Ken will follow up in contacting the seller. It was recommended that it be purchased by donations rather than club funds. Later in the discussion regarding alternative mobile antennas, Wallace gave a detailed description of the antenna/trailer for sale by DBARA, as he was familiar with it.

James asked that in the future would club members be interested in starting a ham radio club at Stetson.

James started a discussion about PayPal. He had an occasion where PayPal refused a return on fees after a return on original purchase. There were some proposals for alternative methods. Kegan (K3GAN) was going to do some research on alternatives and we will have a further discussion next meeting.

We will try a virtual 50/50 next meeting.



**Closing**

Reed (WW3A) made a motion to close the meeting. The video meeting was closed, and members left the site.