

WEST VOLUSIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

SECRETARY REPORT

July Minutes 2020

Tom Lantzy

07/28/2020



Secretary _____

President _____



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MEETING NOTES

Meeting opened (President Ken (AE2KP)

Using Google Meet video, He hosted the meeting

There were 19 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: VP James stated the Elks Lodge was back open as he was going to be having an ARES meeting there. President Ken stated we would wait until closer to the August meeting to decide if we would use the lodge but plan on having a video meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT (Tom Lantzy)

The June 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 Reed (WW3A) 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. Michelle advised that she and Secretary Tom were working on updating the insurance items. Tom advised Michelle that former treasurer Greg (N4ZZN) had contacted the insurance company and transferred the contact information to Michelle. One of the items Ken noted was that we have a loss of revenue with no 50/50. Reed (WW3A) advised that members

should remember that if they are purchasing anything on Amazon, by using “smile” a small percentage will be donated to the club.

A Motion to approve the July report was made by Bud (KN4OUW) and seconded by George (AC3EA) Unanimous approval by members.

Treasurer reports are posted on our web site.

REPEATER PROGRAM MANAGER (Dave Sutherland)

Reed (WW3A) reported for the repeater committee, that we have been approved by the Frequency Coordinator Rules for frequency 442.2250 for DMR and it should be set up within 60 days of approval. Scott (KN4EHC) further advised that everything on the DMR repeater is tuned up and ready for installation as soon as he can gain access to Hugh Ash Manor. The antenna he is going to use is a Diamond FT 70. He volunteered to respond to the Manor with others to see if they would be receptive to giving us access, but Dave indicated it would not be wise to have more than two people respond. As of now we cannot enter the building due to the virus.

When Dave contacted the new manager, she indicated she wanted us to vacate the building. (After this meeting, Dave subsequently contacted the owners, and we were told we could stay.)

Reed said he was contacted by Jason Writtenhouse (KK4OSD) who owns the GMRS repeater which is connected to our VHF repeater. He wanted to know if it could coexist with our future DMR repeater. Reed is not sure but the DMR repeater would take preference. We will cover what talk groups will be on the DMR repeater at another time.

Reed brought up for discussion the fact that the Echo Link on our repeater was sounding the ID too often, about every 10 minutes, and Chris indicated he would make an adjustment.

PROGRAM MANAGER (JIM LOWRY)

Not present

PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER

Not present

TESTING MANAGER (DAVE TEMPLETON)

Not present but a submitted written report was read by the Secretary.

We had 8 candidates preregister, 7 showed up and 1 no show with 1 walk in and an exception was allowed for the walk in. 10 tests were administered with 2 retests. We collected \$150.00 in testing fees. There were 5 new Technicians and 2 New Generals. VE present were Dave (N4NGG), Reed (WW3A), James (WX4TV), NAT (N3NEI), and Joe (N9CLD). Dave also wanted to remind VE's to remain in the testing room during testing. All candidates must contact the VE Liaison prior to testing. Test registration ends the Wednesday immediately preceding the test day. Please respond to emails from Dave . We are investigating remote testing. There will be cost involved so still researching the best option. Dave has selected Reed and James to assist with the training and evaluation.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER (CHARLIE McCRARY)

Not present

NET MANAGER (BOB CLARKE)

Bob (W4RWC) was present but could not hear him. He had relayed by telephone the net report to the secretary for reporting purpose. The nets yielded 73 on the 2 meters, 33 on the 10 meters and 25 on the 6 meters.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that not many participated in field day. Wallace (WU1Y) had a video conferencing set up that a few people attended. VP James stated that in Flagler county there was a good group of about 25 that met, and tests were administered, and some new hams got on the air.

NEW BUSINESS

VP James reported on contests: The Ohio QSO part will be on August 22nd from Noon to Midnight. We could give some thought in participating from Hontoon Island.

ARES: There was a meeting at the Elks Lodge and the next meeting will be at the lodge on Saturday, August 8th at 9 AM. There will be a short meeting inside then go outside to set up some antennas. James further relayed that anyone who would like to participate by erecting a 40 or 80 meter antenna in their yard could coordinate with him by email at ec@ares.org or James@wx4tv.com They will be on the air around 11:00 AM.

Ken related that he thought the club could do an event where we could get together. VP James said that there was an Island on the air on August 29th and 30th. Maybe we could rent Hontoon Island for \$30.00 and use that location. We would reach out to Bob (W4RWC) who operates the Island ferry and perhaps he could stay later to ferry people back. There is another island over the Dunlawton bridge that would qualify. Ken said he would put the dates on the club calendar and those interested could come to wherever it is held.

There is a storm out in the Atlantic but as of now ARES will not be deployed unless it develops into a bigger storm.

Guy (N4DEL) demonstrated a new radio he purchased. It is a Xiedu G-V90 HF radio which runs on 20 watts. One of its features is that it is very portable.



Closing

Dave (N4GMU) made a motion to close the meeting. The video meeting was closed, and members left the site.