WEST VOLUSIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

SECRETARY REPORT

December Minutes 2019

Tom Lantzy 12/10/2019



Secretary	President



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MEETING NOTES

Meeting opened (President Ken (AE2KP)

Vice President Mike led the pledge recitation.

A Quorum of 14 members would be needed if necessary. There were enough members to constitute a quorum.

Announcements:

George (AC3EA) proposed that we have a dinner this Friday the 13th at the Stockyard restaurant for members and their spouses or significant others or just themselves. He was taking names so he could make a reservation for the evening.

SECRETARY REPORT (Tom Lantzy)

November 2019 minutes posted on our web page.

Corrections made by the Secretary for the November minutes: First one was to correct the spelling of the treasury's name Greg <u>Geist</u>. The second correction was regarding the approval of a new member. Instead of James Reed, it should read Christopher Ersson (KN4ZWU.) James Reed has not been approved yet.

There was a motion to approve by James (WX4TV) and seconded by Chris (KM4PUR) Unanimous approval by members

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

TREASURER (Greg Geist)

November 2019 Treasurer report posted on the web.

A Motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by James (WX4TV) and seconded by Bob (W4RWC.) Unanimous approval by members.

Treasurer reports are posted on our web site.

REPEATER PROGRAM MANAGER (Dave Sutherland)

Not Present



PROGRAM MANAGER (JIM LOWRY)

Not present

PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER

Not present

TESTING MANAGER (DAVE TEMPLETON)

Dave gave a final report. We had 20 test takers in 7 sessions. Took in \$300.00 (which is paid to ARRL) Opened with \$100.00 from the treasury and closed with \$100.00 to the treasury to balance out. He has one registered for next month on January 11th He presented a report to the Secretary. That report will be added to the minutes.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER (CHARLIE McCRARY)

Nothing to report

NET MANAGER (BOB CLARKE)

Bob (W4RWC) reports that the nets yielded 43 on the 2 meters, 8 on the 10 meters and 4 on the 6 meters.

Bob mentioned a 10-meter contest this weekend, but James (WX4TV) advised he had received an email indicating the contest was cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION of OFFICERS:

The president Ken Peck, the Vice President Mike Finckbone, and the Secretary Tom Lantzy have elected to remain in those positions and as not being opposed will be in the same positions for 2020. A ballot was given to the members present, conducted by the Vice President and the Secretary, to select a Treasurer between Bob Clarke (W4RWC) and Michelle Lea (N8ZQZ.) Michelle Lea was selected by a majority and will be the Treasurer for 2020.

There will be an officers meeting in January to audit the minutes to check if there were any votes on items that will require amendments to the by-laws in 2020. There will also be a financial review with the transfer of duties to the new treasurer.

Winter Field Day: Wallace (WU1Y) gave an update on winter field day. He has several people that have committed to being there the entire night. There is going to be good support for setup and tear down. We will operate on every available band. There will be a 10 K generator available. He anticipates us scoring well for points during the event which is the 25th and 26th of January 2020. If members have equipment, they want to try out they are encouraged to bring it. The event call sign will be (W4V.) Information will be on the website (WV4ARS.org.) On January 11th, which is a testing day, there will be additional planning for field day including working on the club cable and connectors. ARES has been invited for the event. One of the winter field day committee members will handle the food issue.

Swap Meet: Joe (N9CLD) gave an update on the upcoming swap meet. The Orange City Radio Shack location did not work out so it will be at Lowe's again. After some discussion regarding the name of the event, West Volusia Amateur Radio Tailgate, was selected as the name. Joe is looking at various ways to advertise the event. It was noted that we must make sure in advertising that this is for ham radio items only and

other household goods are not included. There are three additional club meetings before the tailgate so plenty of time for planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Two new members were voted on and approved by the membership.

Jim Reisen (W8JRW) and Chris Bloxon (AA4CB)

President Ken gave a power point slide show presentation including the survey he had sent out. Income was from various sources like dues and the 50 50 and some from Amazon smile and he encouraged people who use Amazon to use the Amazon smile and assign it to WESTVARS. We did purchase some equipment for the club this year. He addressed the various items we had for overhead like our liability insurance, cost for the web site, filing necessary legal papers etc. We have about \$250.00 net loss for the year. We might think about having a budget for 2020. We have 59 active members. He made various points concerning the club such as a better job of welcoming new members and helping new hams. We need to focus on West Volusia and not just the Deland area. One of the priorities of the survey addressed a repeater strategy and we now have a repeater committee. Future presentations are another issue that needs addressed. We also could use some how-to sessions on building equipment or fixing items etc. Items from the survey and additional items from his presentation will be posted on the web.

James (WX4TV) interjected a thought on a how- to session on soldering and recommended we reach out to Tom (NW0LF) who is an expert on soldering and see if he could give a presentation.

Michelle (N8ZQZ) brought up the necessity of being careful about contacting youths about ham radio. James (WX4TV) suggested we make sure we have an adult involved, like a parent, when engaging a young person.

Tom (KK4TKT suggested we establish an assistant program manager to assist in finding people that could give presentations.

Michelle (N8ZQZ) mentioned that Home Depot does a hurricane preparedness weekend and we could possibly participate.

James (WX4TV) suggested we try to get involved in the County Hurricane Expo and have a working amateur radio on the air at that location.

The 50-50 was \$17.50 and won by Tom (KK4TKT) who donated it back to the club and was awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate to ARRL. Several hats were also awarded.



Closing

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob (W4RWC) and everyone agreed. The meeting was closed.