

WEST VOLUSIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

# SECRETARY REPORT

January Minutes 2020

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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:

Gary (N1JSN) needs someone with a 2-inch receiver hitch on their vehicle that could haul his carrier with the ride on chair so he could attend Hamcation. Anyone available contact Gary.

Greg (N4ZZN) has invited members to come hang out at his RV which will be at Hamcation in the camping area. He will have a white WESTVARS banner displayed. On Saturday between 11 am and 1 PM he will be serving hot dogs. Come by and relax.

## SECRETARY REPORT (Tom Lantzy)

December 2019 minutes posted on our web page.

There was a motion to approve by Bob (W4RWC) and seconded by Dave (N4NG) Unanimous approval by members

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

## TREASURER (Michelle Lea)

December 2019 Treasurer report (by outgoing Treasurer Greg Geist N4ZZN) posted on the web.

A Motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Mike (W4MJF) 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

President Ken had a conversation with Frank Haas, ARRL Technical Coordinator for Northern Florida. He has two presentations he uses. One is on power line noise and the other is on CW and ways of getting into CW. The members expressed a desire to hear both presentations.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER**

Not present

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

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we had our first testing for the new year. There were 5 test takers with 4 successes. One completed the general test and missed the extra by only 3 questions. There is one already scheduled for March the 14<sup>th</sup>. There are no plans to go to each month for testing as every other month is working.

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

Nothing to report

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

Bob (W4RWC) reports that the nets yielded 60 on the 2 meters, 18 on the 10 meters and 16 on the 6 meters.

## OLD BUSINESS

Report back from Reed (WW3A) who is not present regarding the repeater. The repeater committee visited with Dave (N4GMU) and the management at the Manor where the repeater is located. The Manor management team indicated they were all right with the repeater as long as we do not disturb the residents when we arrive and leave while checking on the repeater or making repairs.

Winter Field Day Report: Wallace (WU1Y) gave an update on winter field day. There were 296 contacts. 267 Phone, 16 CW and 13 Digital. Included were 2 satellite contacts. Four bands were worked. All the bonuses were reached. Preliminary points accomplished were 12,500. He hopes to have the call sign of W4V again for summer field day

There were items noted for improvement for next Field Day:

- Separate receive antennas to improve the digital contacts.

- Have a safety officer to keep a look out for possible hazards and there are added points for having a safety officer.

- Need to take attendance. There were 25-30 people on site. And the attendance taker could be the one to show new operators the various set ups and how to get on the air.

- Using the tents worked well.

- Have the vehicle parking regulated so wires and cables do not get run over or cut and better signing to alert people to the cables. Also, the use of yellow tape to block off areas from vehicles.

- The noodles covering the wires were great and they are cheap.

- It was noted that we need to provide our own garbage bags the next time instead of using the Elks lodge bags.

Do we need a club operator tent to get more people to participate on the radio? One large enough for reception, sleeping and operating.

Remind people to bring their own headsets to operate the radio and bring chairs as there was a lack of available chairs.

Should schedule people for radio time such as 3 to 4-hour blocks.

Chris (AA4CB) was taking pictures and videos and posting them so that is an item for the future to have a designated person for taking pictures.

People need to make suggestions if they think of anything, and send it to WESTVARS.org

The list of ideas will help with setting up summer Field Day.

Swap Meet: Joe (N9CLD) gave an update on the upcoming swap meet.

Could use some people to give some demos like operating on solar power and digital. Secretary Tom will work the information booth. Going to need some canopies. Make a roll up ladder line J pole for selling or for a raffle. The time frame for the swap meet is from 8 am to noon and we should be done by 1 pm. Dropped the idea of using post cards and going to use email and reaching out to other clubs for advertising. There will also be flyers handed out and will be good to use them at Hamcation. Joe is going to meet with Lowe's manager and get a letter as to where we can set up. President Ken indicated he is going to have a table and if anyone needs to donate items for sale, his table will be available. Joe has an organizer and at future meeting will be looking for people to sign up for various jobs.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

Ronald Johnson (KO4BAZ), William Powell (KO4BAW), and James Phil Reed (KN4CAO)

Guy (N4DEL) gave an update on Dave (N4GMU) who is now located in The Towers, room 701. The Towers is located behind the ABC store on Woodland Blvd. He would appreciate visitors. Dave has an HT now and able to reach the repeater. Guy suggested we may need to have an item on the web site dedicated to ill or sick members. Guy also mentioned how in the past when a member or other ham became a silent key, Dave was one of the ones who would contact the family and offer to sell his equipment and keep 10% for the club. Guy indicated he and Charlie (KD4NLA) would be willing to continue that practice. The equipment could be sold at the swap meet or on Ebay. VP Mike volunteered to help packaging any such equipment.

Chris is going to investigate having merchandise like hats and shirts with the club logo that could generate money for the club. He could have some information and a budget proposal for the next meeting. Some of the things to keep in mind are sizes, do people preorder or do we have items available. Maybe have club name badges by raising the dues and then the club would purchase them.

President Ken announced the transition of the 2020 year for club officers and with the addition of Michelle as treasurer, she along with Tom the Secretary and Mike the Vice President will transition to be the signatures of the club bank account for 2020

The raffle for a Hamcation ticket was won by Tom (KK4TKT)



## Closing

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris (N4RRJ) and everyone agreed. The meeting was closed.