

WEST VOLUSIA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

SECRETARY REPORT

November Minutes 2019

Tom Lantzy

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Secretary _____

President _____



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Meeting Opened (President Ken Peck)

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Treasurer (Greg Giest)

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Program Manager (Jim Lowry)

Public Information Manager

Testing Manager (Dave Templeton)

Equipment Manager (Charlie McCrary)

Net Manager (Bob Clarke)

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MEETING NOTES

Meeting opened (President Ken (AE2KP))

Vice President Mike led the pledge recitation.

A Quorum of 13 members would be needed if necessary.

Announcements:

President Ken advised the various committees that if they wish to use the Elks Lodge, clear it with Dave Tempelton.

December meeting will be on the 10th.

President Ken introduced Harry from LMARS who was there with other member of their organization. Harry presented certificates of Appreciation to the WESTVARS members who assisted with the Charity Bike event.

SECRETARY REPORT (Tom Lantzy)

October 2019 minutes posted on our web page

There was a motion to approve by Dave (N4NG) and seconded by James (WX4TV) Unanimous approval by members

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

TREASURER (Greg Giest)

October 2019 Treasurer report posted on the web.

We now own the mast and cable.

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

Treasurer reports are posted on our web site.

REPEATER PROGRAM MANAGER (Dave Sutherland)

Not Present



PROGRAM MANAGER (JIM LOWRY)

Nothing to report

PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER

Gary (N1JSN) had nothing to report

TESTING MANAGER (DAVE TEMPLETON)

There was one test taker and he got his call sign in a record 5 days.

Dave sent in \$300.00 in testing fees this year.

He is also taking over testing in Lake county.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER (CHARLIE McCRARY)

Not Present

NET MANAGER (BOB CLARKE)

Bob (W4RWC) reports that the nets yielded 48 on the 2 meters, 16 on the 10 meters and 9 on the 6 meters.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe (N9CLD) gave an update report on the tailgate committee. Some of the things discussed was how to make some money and a way to count the number attending. Joe suggested we establish a budget for the event. Some of the ideas included sending out postcards and having a banner posted downtown advertising the tailgate. It was also thought

to make this a recruiting item for ham radio and the club. Joe will propose a budget at the next meeting. A proposal was made to have the event on April 18, 2020. A motion was made by James (WX4TV) and seconded by Mike (W4MJF.) Joe was advised to secure a place for the event on the 18th.

Wallace (WU1Y) gave an update on Winter Field Day. He put in for a special event call sign which is (W4V) and will try to use it for the tailgate and summer field day. Going to try to operate on as many bands as possible including the microwave band. There will be an effort to man the site throughout the night. Information will be posted on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

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

James Reed (KN4GAO) and Joe Progar (KN4GGW)

Guest Speaker Mickey Baker (N4MB), newly elected Director ARRL Southeastern Division gave a very informative talk on ham radio. His phone number is 561-320-arrrl. His email is N4MB@arrl.org. He indicated that the number of ARRL members compared to ham radio operators has declined and this needs to change. There is a need to get younger people involved. He is one of 15 Directors who decide policy for the ARRL. We need to be vigilant to protect our frequencies especially the vhf and uhf bands. Clubs need to establish a club radio station especially for new hams to introduce them to ham radio. If there is a problem with power line interference, contact Kevin Best and the power companies have been responsive to complaints. Kevin Best is the operations person as a section manager and is our general contact person for ARRL. Mickey recommended we contact Kevin to appoint a club member as an assistant section manager. Reed (WW3A) asked about the HOA bill regarding antennas and Mickey indicated the bill did

not pass and this was fine as it was not good as written. We may need to go through the states to get legislation done to establish a parity act.

Nominations:

Nominations were made for next year's officers. Chris (KN4ZWU) nominated Michelle (N8ZQZ) for treasurer. Lew (KM4RLO) nominated Bob (W4RWC) for treasurer. Gary (N1JSN) nominated Ken (AE2KP) for president. Joe (N9CLD) nominated Tom (KK4TKT) for secretary. Mike (W4MJF) nominated himself for vice president.

As the result of a survey from Ken, the repeater was a concern expressed by the members. Ken has asked Reed (WW3A) to chair a committee to investigate improving the club repeater and to also look for a future trustee. Then to train additional personnel in maintaining the repeater so as not to limit it to one person. Also investigate what upgrades we could do for adding digital capability. Wallace (WU1Y) and Gary (N1JSN) volunteered to serve on the committee.

The 50/50 pot was \$45.00 and won by Ken (AE2KP) who donated it back to the club.

James (WX4TV) indicated there is going to be a future workshop on building a go box.

Faith Hanna (KD3Z) announced her reception of a scholarship to Stetson University. James is going to encourage her to establish a ham radio club at Stetson that we should support.



Closing

A motion was made to adjourn by Reed (WW3A) and everyone agreed. The meeting was closed.