



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Actual/Zoom Meeting

7.00 pm Eastern

American Legion - Ferdinand

November 09, 2021

MINUTES

Legion WIFI password is 8123671241.

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mike, KA9GDW, stated our club motto, To Foster, Educate, and Mentor Amateur Radio.

Ron, KD9KNB, presented an opening prayer.

Roll call showed 20 members in attendance - seventeen present and 3 on Zoom. One Field Day T-shirt remains to be paid and delivered.

Mike, KA9GDW, reiterated why we moved the meeting to the American Legion in Ferdinand – seat space, no other customers walking through our meeting.

Upcoming Events – Christmas Party December 14th at the Legion.

Jeff, KM4QLA, reviewed the Christmas Party menu as a reminder, including expected price of \$12.50 pp. The price and other details will be verified with Patty Altman of the Legion the week of 15 November as well as mailing invitations. Door prizes need to be cemented – gift certificates (Sanders, RF Hqs); Postage; Stationary; Table Settings.

OLD BUSINESS

William Abreu membership application – Jody motioned to Accept, Craig 2nd motion to Accept. Club voted unanimously to Accept William's application. Welcome William.

Election of Officers for 2022 – This year's elections were somewhat different as there was no active Secretary. President Mike, KA9GDW, had the attending and Zoom members vote accordingly. President Mike withdrew his nomination in support of Jeff, KM4QLA. Ken, KC9KAS, motioned to Accept Jeff as new President, Club voted to Accept. Jody, KC9YIM, motioned to Accept Ron, KD9KNB, as Vice-President, Phil, KB9IRT, 2nd the motion, club voted to Accept Ron as Vice-President. Craig, KD9KNC, motioned to Accept Ross, KD9QCN, as Sec/Treas, Jody, KC9YIM, 2nd the motion, club voted to Accept Ross as Sec/Treas.

NEW BUSINESS

PIO – Mike, KA9GDW, will fill a new, formal, Club role as Public Information Officer.

An excerpt of Ron's, KD9KNB, "Introduction to Amateur Radio" video was played for the Club. The video is located on the PVARC website. It's an excellent, professional quality, production. Further discussion was held regarding what to do with the video – Does the Club want to make a public announcement (WJTS); Email to media outlets (yes)?

VE Testing – Study and Testing will restart once suitable resources (newer laptop) are found to use with the software, expecting January 2022 to be the next session.

QRM (anything)

Mike, KD9GDW, read the Minutes of the first PVARC meeting to commemorate the Clubs 6th birthday.

Jody, KC9YIM, discussed using the 2022 Herbstfest as an Open House to try to introduce the public to Amateur Radio. Suggested the smaller shelter house, or gazebo, as a place to stage our presentation.

Discussion was held regarding an RF Survey be performed at Jaspers Riverwalk as Mike, N9MZF, discovered an abnormally high amount of RF noise is in that area suggesting a negative issue with the power line distribution. This would be an excellent exercise to "serve the public".

BIRTHDAYS

Marine Corps Birthday – 246 years; PVARC Birthday – 6 years; John Butler, K4PSE; William Abreu.

TECHNICAL OR OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Gary, WB9LIB, presented "Resolving HF Radio Power Line Noise Issues" which has been uploaded to the PVARC website.

DRAWING

Donations of \$48 were collected. Jody, KC9YIM, decided to donate his attendance prize to the Club.

Next Meeting Date

December 14 at the Legion for the Christmas Party.

ADJOURN

Ken, KC9KAS, motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mark, KC9NKI, 2nd the motion - Time: 8:38pm