



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 8, 2022 - 19:00 EST
American Legion – Ferdinand, IN

AGENDA

- Legion WIFI password - 8123671241 / Website - patokavalleyarc.org
- Zoom - Meeting ID: 283 604 8381; Passcode: 2AWR5t
- Welcome (Gary) wb9lib punctual start at 7pm
- Pledge
- Opening Prayer Mike M. (N9MZF)
- Our Mission: “To recruit, foster, educate and mentor amateur radio.”
- Secretary/Treasurer (Ross KD9QCN): Roll call, Dues, Treasurers Report – \$40 monthly dues were collected, \$40 in donations were collected. Checkbook Balance of \$903.38 + \$50 in Box = \$953.38 Total
- Just paid for club liability policy: \$200/year. Jeff paid with a credit card and reimbursed himself by check
- Jeff (KM4QLA) will talk with Buechlein and associates about establishing and Employer Identification Number (EIN)

OLD BUSINESS

- NCO should report back the statistics of the Monday Night Net via scan/pic email/text to who President
- DC Museum STEM Event 3rd Thursday in May, the 19th. Ross (KD9QCN) checked with the Jasper High School guidance counselor, career counselor, and engineering/robotics teacher. None of them knew anything about this STEM event; this event is not being organized by Jasper High School. Mike (KA9GDW) was not present on the Zoom call to update the Club on what may have been discussed at a Dubois County Museum Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephen Gowens (KD9UMZ) was introduced as a guest

Dave Edwards (AC9WU) was introduced as a guest

Calvin Mitcham (KE8ICE) submitted his application

Rick (K9RBH) made a motion to approve his application. Linus (N9NAU) seconded that motion.

Jeff Brewer (KD9UNA - father-in-law of Stephen Gowens) is a prospective member but was not present at the meeting.

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Rachel and Nick Vogler have left the club

- VE Testing – Ron (KD9KNB) - VE testing on Saturday, March 5, went well – we got SIX new hams! VEs were Rick (K9RBH), Gary (WB9LIB), Linus (N9NAU), and Ron (KD9KNB). The next exam is scheduled for the 4th of June.
 - VE Testing – Should testing for new hams or license upgrades be a “Club level activity” for recruiting new members? If Yes – more club members will need to step up and become VEs as Club level testing should not be done by the same 4 or 5 members; If No - all decisions pertaining to examination should be left to the testing team. We have seven testers. Rick (K9RBH) said that we need four VEs per testing session and that the people/testers that show up for the testing sessions should be the ones to organize the sessions. The Club so far has declined to finance the testing sessions.
- 1) Mike (N9MZF): There needs to be network of mentors. The Club’s liability insurance would cover the testing sessions.
 - 2) Jody (KC9YIM): He opened up his shop for the testing but wanted better communication for chosen testing sites.
 - 3) John (K4PSE): He’d like to see the testing sessions go back under the umbrella of the Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club.
 - 4) Mike (KA9GDW): He wanted to contribute to the conversation but audio via Zoom was incomprehensible.
 - 5) Mike M. (N9MZF): He said that the connection to the Club is necessary for all testing sessions.
 - 6) Ken (KC9KAS): He is for keeping the VE sessions under the umbrella of the Club.
 - 7) Ron (KD9KNB): The name of the testing group was changed initially for a software issue. For the new software, a new name was used to create an alternative testing shell.
 - 8) Stephen Gowens (KD9UMZ): He said that the Club website is up-to-date and good; Prospective Club members should be impressed by the organization of the Club.
 - 9) Rick (K9RBH): He said that scheduling the testing sessions is difficult. He sent out E-mails to VEs and there was no response. He thought that he could do what he needed to do to set up the VE sessions.
 - 10) Mike M. (N9MZF): He asked if VEs will quit if they change the name and authority back to the Club.
 - 11) Rick (K9RBH): He said his intention is to give back to ham radio. Clubs are important for supporting the hobby.
 - 12) Mike M. (N9MZF) made a motion to bring it back to the Club as an “extension under the Club.”
 - 13) “Southern Hills” is the name given to the new software testing shell.
 - 14) Rick (K9RBH) had asked if any other of the hams would take the lead to schedule the exams. Ron stepped up but there were still issues with the software.
 - 15) Mike V. (KA9GDW) motioned to bring the testing sessions back under the Club.
 - 16) Jody (KC9YIM) said “My shop is still open, and why couldn’t you give me a heads-up?” There were nine votes for bringing the testing sessions back under the Club (Ken KC9KAS, Mike M. N9MZF, Jon KD9AMP, Craig KD9KNC, Jody KC9YIM, John K4PSE, Phil KB9IRT, Mike V. KA9GDW, William Abreu, Associate). Five votes were for keeping the current name and testing session organization: Rick K9RBH, Ross KD9QCN, Ron KD9KNB, Linus N9NAU, Jeff KM4QLA

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- 17) Ron (KD9KNB): “The name change was only for the software. There were three revisions of the software, and ‘Southern Hills’ was used as a test site to keep the software from getting confused.
18) Gary (WB9LIB) remains neutral in the decision.

- There are five outstanding membership dues. Jeff (KM4QLA) emailed again and informed them that they will be put into an Inactive Status if not paid by tonight.

ORM (anything else)

- February 28 Check-ins: 9
- Weather Spotter meeting on March 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM
- June is just around the corner which means Field Day! Bud (N9NAU) and John (K4PSE) should not take the lead. Mick (KD9RPS) would like to be a part of it but not to take the lead.
- Linus (N9NAU) said that the Club should let fairgrounds people know to reserve a spot
- Stephen (KD9UMZ) suggested the Jasper Parklands
- Mick (KD9RPS) will contact the parks department
- Gary (WB9LIB) might present on police scanners 800Mhz Trump system SafeT. Any interest?
Many hands raised

BIRTHDAYS

- Mark Hunefeld
- Mike Vogler

TECHNICAL OR OTHER PRESENTATION

- presentation covering HF digital modes and how to set up and use them. Linus Mann

DRAWING

\$36 collected
\$18 won by John (K4PSE) and he donated it back to the Club

ADJOURN

Motion: Ross (KD9QCN), 2nd: Craig (KD9KNC)

Time: 20:31 EST

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