



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2023 – 7pm EST
Headquarters – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by president Mike Vogler.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mike Maffenbeier offered a prayer.
- Attendance – 19 licensed members, 1 associate member, 1 guest. (sign-in sheet attached)

OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Mike thanked the membership for the vote of confidence shown by electing him president for 2023. He also thanked the outgoing 2022 club officers. Mike thanked Ron and Calvin for accepting club offices for 2023. He ended by reminding the members of the PVARC mission: “To recruit, educate, and mentor amateur radio.” Mike congratulated Stephen Goins for passing the Extra exam. Stephen went from no license to extra in 9 months, a considerable accomplishment. Mike and Calvin will have Freedom Bank add Calvin to the account as a joint owner and remove Jeff Langebrake as a joint owner.
- Vice President
 - No report
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Funds in the club bank account are \$1001.21. Improved treasury reports are promised once the new officers get settled in.
 - The December 2022 meeting minutes were read. There was some clarification concerning the 50/50 drawing collection amount and winners. Motion to accept the minutes (as amended) by John Butler was seconded by Mike Hedinger. Motion passed without dissent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mike Vogler – Members present at the December meeting waived some constitution rules in order to elect the 2023 officers. This was the right thing to do, and will be discussed more under new business tonight.
- Mike Vogler – Dues of \$20 are due by the end of this month. Grace period expires the end of February at which time the membership list is purged for non-payment.

NEW BUSINESS

- VE testing schedule
 - Linus Mann reports he is waiting for information from Laurel VEC. The library should be available for location, and schedule will be decided ASAP.
 - Stephen Goins – Stephan requested to become part of the VE team.
 - Gary Fritz suggested completing the ARRL VE training to participate as a VE team member.
 - Linus Mann agreed with Gary noting the training is available on-line with completion certificate.
- Winter Field Day
 - Mike Vogler asked how we want to work field day, who would lead it up, and who would participate. Would we use the club call sign?
 - Several members stated they would operate from home using their own call.
 - The logging software was a field for club affiliation. If we use this field properly, all of our contacts will count for the club. You must use PATOKAVALLEYARC.ORG as the club affiliation. No spaces; all upper case.
 - Gary Fritz, Mike Hedinger, Mike Maffenbeier, Jon Potts, and Mick Kamman raised hands as participants.
- Name Tags and Membership Certificates – Needed for Robert Barnett, Calvin Mitcham, Stephen Goins, and Jerry Hill. Mike Vogler to procure.
- Club promotional items – Mike Vogler will work with Whats' Not to provide club shirts, hoodies, decals, etc. Mike will bring list of available items to February meeting.
- Club Constitution – Mike Vogler suggested it is time to go through the club constitution with a careful editing pen. We can accomplish this over the next few months as time permits. Club members ~~should~~ must review the constitution (available at our website) before the February meeting to prepare for suggested edits.
- Club Photographer – Mike Vogler asked for a volunteer to be responsible for taking pictures at meetings and gatherings. Gary volunteered as he already pretty much does this.

- Club Meeting Location
 - Ron Hickman reported that Brenda at the Ferdinand American Legion is excited to get us back. She promises the kitchen and wait staff will be up to the task.
 - Phil Smith reported that the Jasper American Legion is a no-go. Their kitchen closes at 7PM.
 - Mike Vogler wants to check out the Jasper VFW and Legacy Steak as potential locations before we make a decision. Therefore, our February 2023 meeting will be held at Headquarters in Jasper.

QRM

- Gary Fritz reported that weather spotter training is March 1, 2023 and is open to all PVARC members. He encourages all members to attend to learn effective and safe reporting during inclement weather.
- Mike Vogler praised Gary for all he does for the club. Gary brings a lot to the club members, and members need to take it and use it. We need to be active in the club, and always mentoring those in neighboring areas.
- Stephen Goins suggested the Habig Center as a location for summer field day. He will follow up with what is available there as well as checking out the Parkland city park.
- Gary Fritz re-iterated that members need to utilize resources at our web page, patokavalleyarc.org. Up-to-date training schedules and the bulletin board are only two of the myriad of useful nuggets found there.

MEETING PRESENTATION

John Butler gave a riveting overview of WinterHeat. a month long ham radio simplex event. Why Winterheat? “Because when the feces hits the fan, simplex is all we will have.” Details at hamactive.com/WH23/index.php

DONATIONS

\$67 was collected for the 50/50 prize. Mike Vogler was the winner and donated \$28.50 to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM by Mike Hedinger, seconded by Mark Hunefeld. Motion passed without dissent.



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MATEUR RADIO CLUB



Meeting Sign-in Sheet - Date: JAN 10, 2023

| Name | Call | Member | ARRL Member |
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| CALVIN MITCHAM | KEBICE | X | X |
| JEFF LANGEBRAKE | KM4QLA | X | X |
| Mike VOGLER | KA9GDW | X | X |
| Gary Fritz | WB9LIZ | X | X |
| MIKE HEDINGER | KD96YN | X | X |
| LINUS MANN | N9NAW | X | X |
| Robert Barrett BOB | ASSOCIATE | X | |
| Mark Hummel | KC9NKI | X | X |
| PHIL SMITH | KB9JRT | X | X |
| RON HICKMAN | KD9KXIB | ✓ | ✓ |
| Jon Potts | KD9AMP | ✓ | ✓ |
| Joku Butera | K4PSG | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ken A. Smith | KC9KAS | ✓ | ✓ |
| PAUL McFEATHERS | W9PRM | ✓ | |
| Stephen Goins | KD9UMZ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mike Maffebauer | N9MZF | ✓ | ✓ |
| Jenny Hill // Rosella Hill | KD9UDI | ✓ | ✓ |
| Jody Denning | KC9YJW | ✓ | |
| Mick Korman | KD9RPS | ✓ | ✓ |
| Craig Vogler | KD9KNC | ✓ | X |
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