



## PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024 – 6:00pm EST  
Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by president Mike Vogler.
- Ron Hickman offered a prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 16 licensed members (sign-in sheet attached)

### OFFICER REPORTS

- President
  - Mike re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio.” He welcomed everyone to our new meeting facility. The library closes at 8PM so we must be out by 7:45PM. The library will be closed for weather if/when the Jasper schools are closed. He (eventually) presented Joe Forler with his membership certificate.
- Secretary/Treasurer
  - The December 2023 meeting minutes were read. No corrections were heard.
  - Treasurer's report – 2023 Q4 financial report was presented and is attached to these minutes. Fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box.
  - Motion to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report by John Butler was seconded by Jerry Hill. Motion passed without opposition.

### MEETING PRESENTATION

Gary Fritz showed the 2024 presentation schedule and requested member involvement for several dates. He covered how to get a home shack presentation put together for any members that want help. John Butler volunteered to do a presentation on using Chirp software. Gary's presentation is available on our website.

### OLD BUSINESS

- VE testing will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Jasper public library. VE team wear your PVARC shirt and VE badges.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Vogler reviewed the club accomplishments from 2023. (attached)
- 2024 club goals were discussed and several ideas heard:
  - community awareness
  - home project get-togethers, ie antenna/tower installations, etc
  - classes for membership and public, ie soldering, kit-building, etc
  - demos for public running radios

These are thought-starters. Be prepared at the February meeting to continue/firm up this planning.

## QRM

- The W9ILS Tuesday nets are happening again, 8PM EST
- January birthdays – Ryan Bratton 1/28
- January deposit - \$25, 50/50, \$160 dues

## DONATIONS

\$50 was collected for the 50/50 prize. Mike Hedinger was the winner.

## ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM by John Butler, seconded by Bud Mann. Motion passed without opposition.

## **President's review of 2023**

### **January**

The club had twelve members participate in Winter Heat vhf/uhf contest, with K4PSE and N9NAU in a constant competitive battle and N9MZF closing in. Congratulations!

Three members participated in Winter Field Day representing KD9LLH.

### **Feb, Mar, Apr**

Revised the club constitution to eliminate contradicting text.

### **May**

Seven participants in INQP, experimenting, rovers, NVIS, etc.

### **June, July**

Dismantled and sold N9ECYs (SK) radio equipment. Donation of \$55.00 to the club plus all additional equipment to sell with proceeds to the club. Members enjoyed many great deals too.

### **Aug, Sept**

Many participants in Route 66, Lewis and Clark Trail SES contests

New leadership for the VE team using LAUREL Software to be headed by Stephen Goins KD9UMZ. Jasper Library to be the site on Feb 10.

### **Oct/Nov/Dec**

Our own Hams Helping Hams RFI group resolved RF issues at KC9NKI and Ke8Ice QTH.

Eagles Club was going to impose a \$50.00 monthly room rental January 1, 2024. Thus the decision was made to move the meetings to the Jasper Library in January.

Christmas dinner for attending members paid by the club.

### **Summary**

Membership increased to 30.

Monthly technical presentations including virtual shack tours, new products, reviews, on line services, blogs, I heart radio, communication with ISs and satellites, cyber security, and winter heat procedures. Thank you for all the participation and enthusiasm.

### **Net logs and attendance**

Both have between 50-60% participation

Overall, we have a very vibrant and participating membership. Plus, many of you are experimenting, building and curious of this magnificent hobby!

Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club  
 Quarterly Financial Report  
 October – December 2023

balance September 30, 2023		\$1436.01
October		
income		
	50/50	\$58.00
expenditures		
	bday cupcakes	\$15.98
	thank you cards	\$37.32
November		
income		
	50/50	\$46.00
December		
income		
	50/50	\$45.00
	dues	\$160.00
expenditures		
	Dec. dinner	\$234.06
balance December 31, 2023		\$1457.65



Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 1-16-24

Name	Call	Member	ARRL Member
CALVIN MITCHAM	KEBICE	✓	✓
Jon Potts	KD9AMP	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	✓
PHIL SMITH	KB9IRT	✓	✓
KONL HICKMAN	KD9KNB	✓	✓
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
MIKE HEDINGER	KD9GYN	✓	✓
John M Butler	K4PSE	✓	✓
Mick Kamman	KD9RPS	✓	✓
Linus MANN	N9NAU	✓	✓
Stephen Goins	KD9UMZ	✓	✓
Jerry [unclear]	KD9UDI	✓	✓
Mike Doyle	K9GKW	✓	✓
Gary Fritz	WB9LIT	✓	✓
Ryan Beaton	KD9CTV	✓	✓
JOE FORLER	KD9RBO	✓	