



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2024 – 6:00pm EST

Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by president Mike Vogler.
- Ron Hickman offered a prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 17 licensed members (sign-in sheet attached)

OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Mike re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio.” Mike welcomed Paul McFeaters, a past member who has re-joined us for 2024.
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The January 2024 meeting minutes were read. No corrections were heard.
 - Treasurer's report – Checking account balance at the end of January was \$1572.65. 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 Lee Ferrell. Motion passed without opposition.

MEETING PRESENTATION

No presentation this month. Next month a intro to soldering presentation from Ryan Bratton. In June, we'll learn programming with chirp software from John Butler.

OLD BUSINESS

- Winterheat 2024 – 12 members participated making VHF/UHF/6 meter simplex QSOs up to 320 miles. A great test of your home shack simplex capabilities, and very competitive.
- License Exams – The February 10 testing had 2 candidates pass the technician test, 1 candidate upgrade to general, and 1 candidate pass both the technician and general exams. We hope to gain all 4 as new club members.
- Winter field day – Mick Kamman reported good success making WFD contacts from his home QTH.
- Lewis and Clark trail OTA – Mike Vogler will coordinate this event for the club happening in June. Mike Maffenbeier, Lee Ferrell, Ron Hickman, Mike Goodpaster, and Phil Smith expressed interest in participating.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Vogler presented a membership application for Mark Manship; KD9YMV. Mark was voted in as a member with no opposition.
- 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
 - more hams helping hams
 - March BSA merit badge university in Dubois county. Stephen Goins to see if we can participate.

QRM

- Weather spotting training open to all PVARC members March 6 at the EMA meeting, Jasper courthouse annex.
- RF Headquarters going out-of-business sale/open house March 23, 8AM – noon. PVARC providing refreshments.
- US congress considering legislation making it harder for HOAs to limit amateur radio antenna installations. Urge your representatives to support.
- January deposit - \$52, 50/50, \$100 dues, \$90 Fritz estate sales

DONATIONS

\$52 was collected for the 50/50 prize. Gary Fritz was the winner. And donated the winnings to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by John Potts, seconded by John Butler. Motion passed without opposition.



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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 2-20-24

Name	Call	Member	ARRL Member
CALVIN MITCHAM	KEBICE	✓	✓
Jon Potts	KD9AMP	✓	✓
Jody Denning	KC9YTM	✓	
Linus Mann	N9NAU	✓	✓
Phil Smith	KB9IRT	✓	✓
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	✓
RON HICKMAN	KD9KNB	✓	✓
MIKE Goodman	K9MGT	✓	
John M Botlen	K4PSE	—	—
Mike Maffei	N9MZF	✓	✓
Mick Kamman	KD9RPS	✓	✓
MIKE HEDINGER	KD9GYN	✓	✓
Stephen Gains	KD9UMZ	✓	✓
PAUL McFEATERS	W9PRM		
Gary Fritz	W9ALZB	✓	✓
Mike Vogler	KA9GDW	✓	✓