PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2026 – 6:00 pm EST Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Vogler. Mike Maffenbeier offered a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance – 14 members and 1 guest; Adam Scherle

Mike welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - "To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio".

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PRESENTATION

Stephen Hemmer, KE9APT, gave a presentation that showcased his base station. Stephen covered everything from his first walkie talkie as a kid through his 2-way radios while flying, earning his different amateur radio licenses, and joining the local EMA. He showed pictures of all his amateur radio equipment including a homemade fan dipole in his attic. He talked about his different scanners and the ProScan software he uses with them. Stephen even showed his flight simulator that he has and uses from time to time. Thanks, Stephen, for inviting us in to see your shack.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Goodpaster read the September minutes with no corrections needed. Mike also read the September treasurer's report as well as the 3rd quarter Treasurer's report which both showed the balance at the end of September being $810.50. Mike did inform the club members that he did discover an error. He stated that for some reason a deposit was $1.50 less than it should have been. He explained that he had no idea how the mistake was made, and that he deposited $1.50 into the club's bank account before attending tonight's meeting. This will correct the error and it will be listed on the October treasurer's report. Mike Maffenbeier made a motion to accept the minutes and both treasurer's reports. It was seconded by Mark Hunefeld and passed without opposition.

CLUB SAFETY PLAN

President Vogler said that the club's safety plan was reviewed at last month's meeting and was to be voted on at tonight's meeting. Stephen Hemmer made a motion to accept the club's safety plan. Ron Sharp seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

PVARC OFFICER NOMINATIONS

President Vogler opened the floor for club officer nominations with voting to take place at the November meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Mike Goodpaster asked for nominations for president. Garry Smith nominated Mike Vogler for president and John Kaltenbacher seconded it. Mike Vogler accepted the nomination. Mike Maffenbeier made the motion to close nominations for president and Bud Mann seconded it. Since there was only one person nominated Mike Vogler was elected president by acclimation.

Mike then asked for a nomination for vice-president. Ron Sharp made the motion to leave the officers the same as they are now. President Vogler informed the club members that our current vice-president John Kaltenbacher has decided to step back and let someone else be vice-president. Mike also informed the members that the secretary/treasurer position is now going to be two different positions. Mike Goodpaster has agreed to stay on as treasurer if elected. President Vogler said that we will need nominations for all three positions. Lee Ferrell them nominated Stephen Hemmer for vice-president, but Stephen declined. At that time, there were no other nominations for vice-president.

Mike Goodpaster then asked if anyone would want to be the treasurer. He stated that if someone wanted to be the treasurer and was nominated by the members then he would volunteer himself as a candidate for vice-president. If the members would nominate him for vice-president then he would accept. Stephen Hemmer said he could be the treasurer if someone nominated him. Lee Ferrell nominated Stephen to be the club's treasurer. It was seconded by Ron Sharp. Garry Smith moved to close the nominations for treasurer and it was seconded by Mike Maffenbeier. Mike announced that by acclimation Stephen Hemmer would be the 2027 PVARC treasurer.

Ron Sharp then nominated Mike Goodpaster to be the club's vice-president and it was seconded by John Kaltenbacher. Ron Sharp made the motion to close nominations, and it was seconded by Lee Ferrell. Mike Goodpaster was elected the club's vice-president by acclimation.

There were no nominations for the club secretary. President Vogler said we could table the nomination until the next meeting. John Kaltenbacher made a motion to close the nomination process for the October meeting. It was seconded by Ron Sharp and passed without opposition. President Vogler asked Mike Goodpaster to send an email notification to all members one week before the November meeting detailing the new officers selected tonight and about the open secretary position.

SUMMER THUNDER

President Vogler congratulated Stephen Hemmer, Bud Mann, and Mike Maffenbeier for their work on the Summer Thunder contest. Those three placed 6th in the club standings with just three operators. President Vogler encouraged other club members to participate in these contests.

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HAMS HELPING HAMS

Paul McFeaters has asked for a few club members to stop by his new residence and give him some ideas on where to locate some antennas for his base station. It was agreed to go on Wednesday the 28th. Mike Vogler, Mike Maffenbeier, Mike Goodpaster, and John Kaltenbacher will meet at the Walmart / McDonalds parking lot at 10:15.

POTA SCOUT

John Kaltenbacher informed the members that he has been working on a new app called POTA SCOUT. This app pulls information from your radio and WJTX and looks at propagation to see what the possibility of your next contact is. John would be happy to set it up at any members home QTH if they think they may be interested.

DONATIONS

$68 was collected for the 50/50 prize with $34 going to the winner. Bud Mann was the winner, and he donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you, Bud.

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ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM by Ron Sharp and seconded by Bud Mann. The motion passed without opposition.

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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 10/20/26

Name	Call	Member	ARRL Member
Mike Vogler	KA9GDW	✓	✓
Gary Fritz	WB9LER	✓	✓
Lin E Mann	N9NAU	✓	✓
MIKE GOODMASTEN	K9MLG	✓	
John Kattenbacher	KD9JYXI	✓	✓
NOAH FRITCHLEY	KD9SVC	✓	
Adam Scherle		✓	✓
Mike Maffenbeier	N9MZF	✓	✓
Ron SHARP	W9TII	✓	✓
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
PHIL SMITH	KB9IRT	✓	✓
STEVE HEMMER	KE9APT	✓	✓
GARRY SMITH	KD9WVS	✓	NO
Derek Gilbert	KE9CNX	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	