

The July Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held at Armstrong's Restaurant.

The Membership meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July, 2, 2024, by Norman D'Allura, KN4YFI, president. Seventeen members and three guests attended. The usual round of introductions was completed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's March report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved. The first reading for the membership application for Dennis Perry, KCOQYD was made.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary received no additions or corrections to the draft minutes. The minutes, as presented, were accepted.

ARES Report

David Tanks, AD4TJ, ARES coordinator, delivered the ARES report. The ARES net would be held on Thursday, July 11. Details to be sent via email later. There will be a fox hunt about a week after the net is conducted. The coordinator reminded the membership that Hurricane season has begun and noted that Hurricane Beryl was a class 5 hurricane.

Contests and Special Events

The coordinator announced that in the 2023 ARRL 10-meter contest, VARA was ranked 38th out of 50 medium sized clubs that entered the contest. There will be a 40-meter PSK contest on the weekend of July 6. The ARRL North American QSO Party RTTY will be held on July 20. Also, the CQ VHF (6-meter and 2-meter only) will be held on July 20.

The 13 Colonies special event will run from July 1 until July 7.

Old Business

The president announced that there would be no August meeting. The VARA Picnic will be held on August 10 at Shelter #4 at Grand Caverns Park in Grottoes.

New Business

The president remarked that VARA's participation in Field Day went well. He announced that David Tanks, AD4TJ was awarded the first David Fordham Service Award. Gordon Batey, WA4FJC received the 7 Diamond award for 70 years as an active ham radio operator.

It was announced that the Sky Warn net would be held using the Waynesboro repeater.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and one prize was awarded.

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, John Lasher, N3GLZ, made a presentation on insurance coverage of ham radio equipment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan
Secretary

REMINDERS:

The Roanoke Hamfest will be at William Byrd Middle School on August 3.

The Berryville Hamfest will be at the Clarke County Fairgrounds on August 4.

The VARA Picnic will be at Shelter #4 Grand Cavern Park on August 10.