

The October 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, October 1, 2024, by Norman D'Allura, KN4YFI, president. Eleven 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.

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. Instead of a net, there will be a fox hunt on the 10th of this month. It will start at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. The coordinator discussed the difficulties that occurred during the Grindstone 100. Severe weather hit the area around 6 p.m. Friday night. This caused power outages forcing the Grindstone net control station to use generator and battery power to remain operational. A few runners became temporarily lost during this time. There were no major injuries suffered by runners in the event. After reporting on the Grindstone 100, the coordinator mentioned he was glad that the remnants of hurricane Helene went to the west of our area, and he reminded the membership that there are two months left in hurricane season.

Contests and Special Events

The coordinator announced that a Russian WW Digital Contest will be held on the weekend of the 5th. The 10-10 International Day Sprint will be held on October 10. The CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest will be held on October 26 and 27.

On October 12, K3S will be on the air celebrating the birthday of Dwight David Eisenhower. They list the frequencies they will use as 7.1 MHz, 14.15 MHz, 21.1 MHz, and 28.1 MHz.

On October 12 NI6IW will be on the air celebrating the birthday of the U.S. Navy Frequencies they plan to use are 7.250 MHz, and 14.320 MHz.,

On October 18 and 19, W4W will be on the air for a Wolly Worm Celebration. Frequencies they plan to use are 7.187 MHz and 14.240 MHz.

Old Business

The president reminded the membership that the Shenandoah 500 will be held this weekend. The Fall Foliage event will be held on October 18 through the 20th. He also reminded the membership that the next membership meeting will be held on **Monday, November 4.**

He also reminded the membership that there is a need for volunteers to make presentations at next year's membership meetings. Those wishing to make presentations should contact John Lasher, N3GLZ.

New Business

Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW, of the VARA nominating committee reported that after careful consideration of those who expressed interest in seeking an office for the coming year, the committee determined to recommend that the incumbent officers be nominated for another term. Those nominated were Norman D'Allura, KN4YFI, for president; John Lasher, N3GLZ, for vice-president; John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, for treasurer; And Pat Morgan, AK4VQ, for secretary. Due to a lack of a quorum, elections were not held. If a quorum is obtained in the November membership meeting, the election of officers will occur then.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and one prize was awarded to Mark Purington, KO4OLJ. He donated his prize back to the Association.

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, David Tanks, AD4TJ, made a presentation on Contesting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan
Secretary