**A Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held at Armstrong’s Restaurant and via Zoom.**

The July meeting of the Membership of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2021, by Norman Dallura, KN4YFI, President. Twenty-one members attended in person, three members attended via Zoom. There were four visitors.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved as presented.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The Secretary reported one correction to the draft minutes. The vote concerning where to conduct VARA meetings was 20 to continue to meet at a restaurant and 20 to meet elsewhere, rather than 20 to 29 as published in the draft minutes. The minutes, as amended, were approved.

**ARES Report**

David Tanks, AD4TJ, commented that the first Hurricane of the season was off the coast of Florida. Then he announced that the July ARES net would be held on July 8 at 8 p.m. on a frequency of 146.850. John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, volunteered to be net control.

**Old Business**

There was a discussion of the membership’s participation in the ARRL Field Day. David Tanks, AD4TJ, made 300 contacts using FT4. Through an on-line contest score board, he noted that Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW, Ralph Irons, N4RLI, and Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV, also participated in the event.

Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV, updated the membership on the status of the 145.290 repeater. Four years ago, he had obtained permission from Sprint to place the repeater on a cell tower he was responsible for maintaining. After the Sprint/T-Mobile merger, T-Mobile made him remove the repeater. As the reorganization process continues, he plans to contact T-Mobile officials to see if the repeater may be restored to the tower.

**New Business**

Randall Wolf of the Valley Veterans Ride For Heroes spoke of the event which will be held again, this year. He mentioned that the event will start at Stable Craft Brewing and that there will be a new route, this year. He thanked the Association for its support of the event and reminded us that it will be held on September. Fred Castello, KF4FC, stated that he had already sent out a note to get volunteers for the event and that he would send out another soon.

David Tanks, AD4TJ, reported that in the 10-meter contest for December 2020 Clint Campbell, KB4OLM, took 6th place US in the SO LP Phone only category, and that Sandy Mullins, K4PZC, took 9th place US in the SO QRP Mixed category. John Lasher, N3GLZ, in the January 2021 VHF contest, came in 1st Place in the Roanoke Division in the SO LP category.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and two prizes were awarded.

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, David Fordham, KD9LA, made a presentation on the various public service events VARA supports, including that dates and times of the events. He also gave advice on the types of equipment members might wish to have for each event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary

**REMINDER**

The Berryville Hamfest will be held on Sunday, August 1, this year.

The Roanoke Hamfest will be held at a new location on Saturday, August 7.

The Tidewater Hamfest (formerly the Virginia Beach Hamfest) will be held in Portsmouth on Saturday, September 11, this year.