**Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held via Net on the 145.290 repeater.**

The January meeting of the Membership of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2020, by Norman Dallura, President. A roll call was taken of all members participating in the net meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The Treasurer informed the membership that he had received dues from 9 members by Pay Pal and 8 members by check. The funds in the treasury had increased by $248.34 and there were no expenditures in December. The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Ben Siron, KO4IUN was elected a member of VARA. The Treasurer made the first reading of the applications of Sandy Mullins, K4PZC, and Butch Washer, N5SMQ.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The report, as presented was approved. The outgoing Secretary was thanked for his years of service.

**ARES Report**

David Tanks stated he is learning the ropes of ARES connects.

He also announced that the January ARES net would be held on January 14 at 8 p.m. using the 145.290 repeater.

**Old Business**

An update was given about the 145.290 repeater. Due to the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint, it had been feared that the repeater might have to be moved from its current location. Information received by Association members was that the repeater will not have to be moved for the foreseeable future.

**New Business**

The President suggested that future meetings be hybrid meetings with the business part of the meeting conducted via net followed by a program presentation via Zoom. He asked for volunteers to give presentations.

It was reported that a Zoom presentation on Tower Safety was to be presented to the Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club at 7:15, Friday, January 8. Wayne Boyer, N4EYZ, was to make the presentation. Members of VARA were to be forwarded information on how to access the Zoom meeting so they could attend, too.

There was a suggestion that such inter-club meetings should be encouraged in the future.

The President named the following Support Activities Event Coordinators • Grindstone – Gordon confirmed • Valley Vets – Fred Castello confirmed • Shenandoah Fall Foliage Bike Festival – Lenny confirmed • Summer Picnic – Ray Colvin confirmed • Christmas Meeting – Ray LaFalce confirmed

The Board of Directors had considered financial support of repeaters • 145.075 - Bear Den - Gordon does not need support this year • 145.290 – Kevin Numbers – $1,300 • 146.850 – Hermitage - Durwood Humphreys is the Trustee WA4ZBP, Ray - KE4HVR and Fred Evans N4KYM are caretakers – recommend $300 as per last year • 147.045 – Staunton Tim Miller KG4HOT – recommend $300 as per last year • 146.700 – Staunton - Fred Evans does not need support in 2021

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary