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

The March meeting of the Membership of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022, by Norman Dallura, KN4YFI, President. Seventeen members and seven guests attended in person, five members attended via Zoom.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved as presented. David A. Lark’s, KI4WSP, application for club membership was approved. David A. Lark, KI4WSP, and Rowland Shank (passed Technician Class test on March 5) were accepted into membership. There was also the first reading of the applications for membership of Amber Siron, KO4ODC and Mary Ann Checklin, The Treasurer reminded the membership of the up coming deadline for filing comments to the Department of Agriculture’s proposal to charge every wireless communication use on Forest Service property, an annual fee of $1400.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The Secretary reported receiving no corrections to the draft minutes. The minutes, as presented, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

It was announced that the Augusta County ARES net would be held on March 10 at 8 p.m. on a frequency of 146.490. Corey Baldwin, KO4CTF, will be net control. It was announced that Marty Krupkinski, KE4KEW and John Lasher, N3GLZ had agreed to become Assistant Emergency Coordinators. Marty has a Winlink HF Gateway up and running at 3.585.1 MHz and Corey Baldwin, KO4CTF has a Winlink VHF Gateway on 145.570 MHz. The Membership was also reminded that hurricane season was only three months away.

**Old Business**

No Old Business was discussed.

**New Business**

It was announced that VARA would set up for Field Day at the Chicken and Rabbit Pavilion, Rockingham County Fairgrounds. The Association will be operating 5 stations from that site. Coordinators are needed for the CW station and the GOTA station.

There is also a need for power generators. Mark and Ken will loan the Association theirs.

Volunteers are needed to set up and breakdown the stations. Help is also needed to plan dinner for those participating in the set up Friday night.

The President anticipates that the June meeting will be devoted to any last minute planning for a successful Field Day. The July meeting will be devoted to a debrief of the event.

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

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, a presentation was made by Marty Krupkinski, KE4KEW and Corey Baldwin, KO4CTF, on an introduction to WINLINK.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary