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

The September meeting of the Membership of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2022, by Norman Dallura, KN4YFI, President. Twenty members attended in person, one member attended via Zoom, and three guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved. The first reading for membership of Cynthia Benson, KE4CLB, was made. The Treasurer also announced that there was still a need for volunteers to support the Grindstone 100 (September 16-18), the Shenandoah 500 (October 1 and 2), and the Fall Foliage Bike Festival (October 15 and 16).

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The Secretary received one correction to the draft minutes. The minutes, as corrected, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

David Tanks, AD4TJ, announced that the Augusta County ARES net would be held on July 14 at 8 p.m. on a frequency of 145.290. Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV, will be net control. He reminded the membership that every member of ARES is required by the ARRL to have a copy of the ARES Emergency Communicator Individual Task Book. Currently, only twenty-four of the sixty-one ARES members have confirmed that they have the **Task Book**. He also reminded the membership that September is the peak of hurricane season.

**Contests and Special Events**

The weekend of September 10 is the ARRL VHF Contest. The weekend of September 17 is the ARRL EME Contest. The weekend of September 24 is CQ DX RTTY Contest.

Clint Campbell, KB4OLM, excelled in the CQ 160 SSB contest of February 2022. He entered in the Single Operator, Non-Assisted Low Power category, and his score of 50,055 points placed him 1st in Virginia, 1st in the 4th Call Area, 3rd in the US, and 9th in the World.

On September 17th, there will be a special events station honoring the 75th anniversary of the creation of the US Air Force. The Route 66 special events stations will be on the air from September 10 through September 17. September 10 through September 18 K4MIA and five sister stations will be on the air for National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

It was announced that the VARA Summer Picnic held at Natural Chimneys Park on August 20 this year was a success.

It was also announced that MARA had 20 Baofeng radios for sale. Anyone desiring one should contact a member of MARA.

There was a brief discussion of whether the July 2023 meeting should be canceled as it would be on July 4. The meeting has been canceled.

A nominating committee was named to search for and nominate candidates for VARA officers to stand for election at the October Annual Meeting.

The President mentioned that he needed a few more volunteers to make presentations at future meetings. David Tanks, AD4TJ, volunteered to speak at the April 2023 meeting. And it was suggested that Tim Duffy be invited to the May meeting to speak about contesting.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and three prizes were awarded. The cash prize was donated back to the Association.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Bob Van Fossen, K4DJG, gave a presentation on end-fed antennas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary