**The Annual Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held at Armstrong’s Restaurant.**

The Annual meeting of the Membership of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2022, by John Lasher, N3GLZ, Vice-president. Twenty members and two guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer report was read by John Lasher, N3GLZ, and was approved. The membership application of Cynthia Benson, KE4CLB, was approved

**Secretary's Report**

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

**ARES Report**

David Tanks, AD4TJ, announced that the Augusta County ARES net would be held on October 13 at 8 p.m. on a frequency of 146.850. Net control is to be determined. 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. Members of ARES must confirm with the Coordinator that they have a copy of the Task Book to continue their membership in the program. Not all members have done so. For that reason, ARES membership has dropped from 61 members to 28 members. He also reminded the membership that hurricane season is still ongoing. There was a brief discussion on the damage Hurricane Ian did to property in Florida.

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test that had been scheduled for October 1, was postponed due to the need for real emergency communications needed during and after the landfall of Hurricane Ian. The Test has been rescheduled for November 19th and 20th.

**Contests and Special Events**

The Pennsylvania QSO Party will be held on the weekend of October 8th and 9th. It will run from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. John Lasher, N3GLZ, will be participating from Pennsylvania. The membership was encouraged to make contact with him during the contest.

On October 30th, W0W will be on the air commemorating the 84th anniversary of “The War of the Worlds” broadcast.

On October 31, W0O will be on the air for a Halloween FunXpedition. The station will be transmitting from Frankenstein, MO.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

The election of officers was held. The nominating committee nominated the following members for office:

President            Norman D’Allura KN4YFI
Vice President   John Lasher N3GLZ
Secretary            Pat Morgan AK4VQ
Treasurer            John Chevalaz KB2LOZ
Board Member   Fred Castello KF4FC (new)
Board Member   Dave Thomas WD3O

The Vice-president opened the floor for additional nominations. None were received. All candidates who were nominated by the nominating committee were elected.

John Lasher, N3GLZ, mentioned that he was considering donating a transceiver he no longer needed to Fishburn Academy. He inquired if anyone knew who he should contact at the school. There were no suggestions.

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

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Fred Costello, KF4FC, gave a presentation on amateur satellites.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary