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

The Membership meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023, by Norm D’Allura, KN4YFI, President. Nineteen members and ten guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was read by Patrick Morgan, AK4VQ, and was approved. The second reading of Tom Whitehurst’s, KC5UN, membership application was made. The application was approved.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary received one correction to the draft minutes concerning a missing I in World War II. The minutes, as corrected, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

Emergency Coordinator, David Tanks, AD4TJ, announced that the Augusta County ARES net would be held on September 14 at 8 p.m. The frequency will be 146.850, tone 131.8. Mike Bilyard, W4ACV, will be net control.

The Coordinator announced that the Waynesboro ECC station was up and running.

He reminded the Association that there were still operators needed to support The Grindstone 500 on September 22-24, the Shenandoah 500 on October 7-8, the Fall Foliage event on October 21-22, and the Valley Veterans Ride that occurred on the weekend of September 9.

**Contests and Special Events**

The ARRL VHF contest will be held on September 9-11. There are also two RTTY contests scheduled in September. In September, W4V will be on the air celebrating the life and music of Patsy Cline. Naval Ships on the Air would be held on the weekend of September 9. The Route 66 on the air stations will be on the air between September 9 and September 17. K4MIA, honoring POW/MIA Recognition Day will be on the air between September 9 and September 17.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

The President announced that a nominating committee needed to be formed to nominate a slate of officers to be considered for election at the Association’s annual meeting in October. As all of the current officers expressed interest in running for reelection, a nominating committee was not appointed.

Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW, presented Patrick Morgan a certificate for being the high scorer, phone, in Augusta County for the 2020 Virginia QSO Party. He also asked for help in assisting a fellow ham in Waynesboro install a dipole antenna.

Vice-President, John Lasher, N3GLZ, stated that there is a need for more volunteer speakers for next year’s meetings.

The 50/50 drawing was held. One prize was awarded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary

**REMINDERS:**

The VARA Christmas Party will be held at Golden Coral on December 5, starting at 5:30 pm.