**The Annual 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, November 14, 2023, by Norman D’Allura, KN4YFI, president. Twenty-four members and five guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved. The second reading of Walter Ridgely’s membership application was made. The application was approved. The first reading of the membership applications of Nick Wade, KQ4DBG, Rowan Hildreth, KQ4GWY, and Rebecca Morris, KQ4LFN, were made.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary received one correction to the draft minutes, that the Grindstone race event was a 100 mile rather than a 500 mile event. He also received a suggestion that for clarification it should be noted that Fred Costello, KF4FC, and Dave Beebe K4UEK were elected Board Members rather than as members as the original draft had reflected. Those changes were made to the minutes The minutes, as amended, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

David Tanks, AD4TJ, reminded the membership that there were 16 days left in hurricane season.

**Contests and Special Events**

On December 1, there will be an ARRL sponsored 160 meter CW contest. On December 9, there will be an ARRL sponsored 10 meter contest for both CW and Phone.

On November 18, Amateur Radio Club of Savannah, will hold a special event commemorating the first transatlantic QSO that took place in November of 1923.

**Old Business**

The president reminder the membership that the Association’s Christmas dinner would be held at 5:30, Tuesday, December 5 at the Golden Coral in Waynesboro. Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange should limit their gift purchase to $20.00 or less.

Patrick Morgan, AK4VQ, presented a draft of the proposed David Fordham Service Award. After a brief discussion, the proposal was adopted. A copy of the document setting forth the establishment of the award and the procedure for granting it is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and one prize was awarded to Rowan Hildreth, KQ4GWY.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Riley Chandler, KF4EMZ, gave a presentation on APRS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary