**The January 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, January 2, 2024, by Norman D’Allura, KN4YFI, president. Twenty members and five guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s November report was read by John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, and was approved. The December report was then read and approved. The second reading of the membership applications of Nick Wade, KQ4DBG, Rowan Hildreth, KQ4GWY, and Rebecca Morris, KQ4LFN, were made and were 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, that Rowan Hildreth’s, KF4EMZ, name had been misspelled in the treasurer’s report section. The minutes, as corrected, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

John Lasher, N3GLZ, delivered the ARES report. The ARES Net will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 8 p.m. The frequency will be 146.850. John Chevalaz, KB2LOZ, volunteered to be net control.

**Contests and Special Events**

On January 6, the ARRL RTTY Roundup will be held. Members participating in the event should list VARA as their club. On January 20, the North American QSO Party will be held. Members participating are asked to cite Shenandoah Valley Wireless as their club for this event. Also on January 20, the ARRL VHF Contest will be held. Members participating in the event should list VARA as their club. On January 26, the CQ 160-meter CW Contest will be held. Members participating are asked to cite Shenandoah Valley Wireless as their club for this event.

No special events were noted.

**Old Business**

The president reported that the Association’s Christmas dinner was a success.

**New Business**

The president inquired whether there was any interest in having a fox hunt this year. The membership responded in the affirmative.

The president announced that the VARA 2024 calendar of events has been posted on the association website.

Volunteers were sought to serve on the VARA/MARA Field Day committee. Four members volunteered to serve.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and one prize was awarded to Mark Purington, KO4OLJ.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Fred Castello, KF4FC, gave a presentation on Hospital Radio System and Emergency Coordination. Jonathan Knotts and Nat Sellers assisted in the presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary