

RVARC Meeting Minutes – October 2023

The meeting opened at 7 PM by David Perrussel KV4TZ (2nd vice president) who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Austin Izaguirre KN4KPT (1st vice president), Dave Perrussel KV4TZ (2nd vice president), Shari Kenny KM4JMD (treasurer), and Scott Larimer KN4RPA (special events coordinator). Officers absent were Chris Collins KN4LLQ (president) and John Cross WB4TYS (secretary).

Dave Perrussel KV4TZ led the membership in introductions.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to the membership via Email. They were approved by the membership present as submitted.

Committee Reports

Programs - Austin Izaguirre KN4KPT planned on a brief program of his amateur radio equipment. The November meeting is planning on having David Wilson AC4IU to report on how Wall Street is attempting to use HF radio to make stock trades across the Atlantic Ocean.

Treasurer - Shari Kenny KM4JMD reported \$6970.73 in the checking account, \$6199.46 in the bank CD, and \$189.50 in the 50/50 raffle fund.

Membership - Dave Perrussel KV4TZ reported no new members this past month. Membership stands at 113 members.

Special Events - Scott Larimer KN4RPA reports that he is still looking for volunteers for the following events:

Girls on the Run - November 12th
YMCA Turkey Trot - November 23rd
Blue-Gray Half Marathon - December 3rd

In addition, the Richmond Marathon (November 11th) is also looking for volunteers.

Please contact Scott at RVARCEvents@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering for any of these events.

Old Business

1. Jim Steele Memorial Tailgate - Scheduled for Saturday October 28, 2023 at the Marquee Cinemas at Southpoint in Massaponnax. Time is from 8 AM to 12 noon. The tailgate will be in the left side of the parking lot. Austin I. will bring Dunkin Donuts and coffee to the event.

2. Gib Devey W4GBD led a discussion on possibly having a second weekly net on the club's 440 repeater (443.850 MHz). The goal for the second net is to be less formal than the regular weekly net on the club's main repeater (147.015 MHz), and to have it in digital C4FM mode (Yaesu Fusion) to encourage the use of the new digital repeater. A discussion was held on the best day of the week to hold the new net. The tentative date is Tuesday nights, but no time has been set. Gib said that this can be a matter of discussion at the net weekly net on the club's main repeater next week.

3. Mike Christie W1ZFB reminded the membership of the Special Events Station to be held in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday November 4th at the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's office in Spotsylvania from 10 AM to 4 PM. The special callsign is W4S. Mike is looking for volunteers to help run the station. (Note: As long as you have a license, no matter which license class you hold, you can operate the station - similar to Field Day).

New Business

1. A discussion was held on the annual RVARC Christmas Party. Places under consideration for this year are Kickback Jack's, Central Park Funland, and Dominion Raceway. The membership present felt that Kickback Jack's was the best place under consideration. George Bolden KO4LLC will reach out to them to see if we can reserve the back room there for the second Wednesday in December (December 13th) for the party.

2. In addition to the party, Scott Larimer KN4RPA reminded the membership that we need nominations for Elmer of the Year and Ham of the Year. If you have suggestions, please send them to Scott (RVARCevents@gmail.com) and Dave Perrussel (KV4TZ.RVARC@gmail.com). Scott also reminded the membership that if you volunteered at an event this year, are a RVARC club member, and are not part of the board of directors, you are eligible win a gift certificate from Ham Radio Outlet. The club has done this in the past and is now considered a tradition. The awards will be presented at the Christmas party.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM