

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021

Board Members:

President – Brett Price

Secretary – Bill Willcox

Education – Keith Elliot

Public Relations – Paul Van Zuyle

Editor/Publisher – Andy Ludlum

Social – Mike Felio -Absent

Member at Large – Phil Bartlett

Vice President – Brad Ormsby

Treasurer- Christian Ylagan - Absent

Operations – Martin Hickey

Tech Coordinator – Andy Moorwood

Member at Large – Zak Cohen

Member at Large – Warren Wegerer

Member at Large – Diane Wainwood - Absent

Visitors: None

Action Items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order at 19:04 by Brett Price

- Action items were completed except as noted below.
- 1. Minutes** - The Board reviewed the minutes of previous meeting, 11/12/2020. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve them, as written.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** –
- 3.** Financials through December and year end 2020 were received. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve them, as submitted.
- 4. Presidents Report** – Brett Price
 - New board members Keith Elliot and Brad Ormsby were welcomed
 - The November speakers, Zac Cohen and Stu Sheldon, were well-received by the members.
 - The January 21 speaker topic, “Making sense of DMR”, will be by club member Adrian Jarret.
 - See the discussion under Technical and Operations for details on upcoming projects and Winter Field Day club activities.
 - The Hugh Bosma award was engraved and will be placed in the Sheriff's station EOC by Zak Cohen. A copy of the award was presented to Jeff Reinhart.
 - Due to COVID-19 the following meetings will be held virtually on Zoom: CVARC General meeting January 21, Board meeting February 11.
 - When in person meetings resume coffee will be by Mike Felio, Cookies by Zak Cohen and raffle by Bill Willcox.
 - We have 28 new members!
- 5. Vice Presidents Report** – Brad Ormsby
 - Speakers Committee –
 - The next speaker's committee meeting will be February 4.
 - The February general meeting topic will be “3D printing for ham radio”, by Nathan Eng.

- Should any potential topics or speakers be identified by board members, please forward the information to Brad Ormsby, Andy Ludlum or Brett Price.
- We are looking forward to a presentation on space weather in June.
- Speakers have been confirmed through March. Potential speakers have been identified through the end of 2021.

6. Operations – Martin Hickey

- Winter Field Day – Martin made a presentation on the club activities planned for Winter Field Day, January 30-31, 2021. These include: a CVARC contest within the contest focusing on the 2, 6 and 10 Meter bands, coordinated by Ketih Elliot, Zoom sessions coordinated by Brad Ormsby and Zak Cohen, and SOTA activities coordinated by Paul Van Zuyle. See the CVARC web site for details.
- ARRL field day June 25 and 26, – in person participation is still on hold pending COVID-19 status. Martin is still in contact with Maple Elementary School to see if the site will be available.
- The May Hamvention in Dayton Ohio has been cancelled.
- November 14 was the date of a Ventura County Red Cross event on VHF simplex.
- The choke filter experiment is on hold pending COVID-19 resumption of in-person events.

7. Reports from Members at Large –

- Zak: Reported on EOC events including Check-ins and ORT's. Check ins are declining.
- Diane – Not Present
- Phil – Proposed a new-members sub group to groups.io. No moderator was identified. Brett Price and Phill to coordinate a new member contact activity for our 28 new members.
- Warren – The CW sub-group is going strong. Warren noted that it is difficult to establish how long a new member would be eligible for a sub-group and could create a stigma. The Newby net and the Zoom sessions were suggested as alternatives.

8. Technical – Andy Moorwood

- There will be a Winlink Red Cross drill in May.
- Requested and opportunity to plug the Digital Sub Group at the January General Meeting.

9. Education – Keith Elliot

- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to provide \$15/Month reimbursement for a Zoom account to be used primarily for for License classes and other educational activities. The authorization would be good for one year.
- License classes: Tech- April, virtual, General-July virtual to be taught by Bill Willcox, Extra- October (could be in-person).
- Keith is setting up an education committee and has solicited members.
- Keith would like to set up some Saturday morning classes directed to special topics such as Winlink, Emcom, Digital, etc.

- Keith requested that Newby licensees not be singled out.

10. Editor/Publisher – Andy Ludlum –

- Web announcements on Classes, SOTA activation pictures, Winter Field Day are all up to date.
- Brett to scan a copy of the special service club document and provide it to Andy for the web page.

11. VE Coordinator – Andy Ludlum –

- No in-person VE sessions are contemplated until late 2021.

12. Social – Mike Felio – Absent

13. Public Relations – Paul Van Zuyle

- There was an extensive article published in the LA Times regarding Doug Wheeler operating from ISS and ham radio in general. Who managed this PR coup is a mystery.
- Investigating an article in the Acorn covering Amateur Radio Introduction.

New Business:

- The FCC is contemplating a \$35 license fee.
- There was discussion of establishing a CVARC Winlink gateway. No action was taken due to logistic issues and the existence of Rob Hanson's gateway and the existing digipeater.
- There are some FCC issues emerging including a commercial interest attempt to claim the 5 Ghz Mesh frequencies and PRB-1 that ARRL does not appear to be addressing.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40

Submitted by Bill Willcox – KF6JQO

Important Dates:

- Fall, 2021: Contact Carol re: our meeting room at WLV City Hall. Reserve the second Thursdays specifically for each month of 2022. New insurance due April, 2021
- By May, 2021: Renew ARRL Special Service Club designation NOTE this must now be done every year.
- November 26, 2026 Renew Club Callsign (AA6CV) Trustee – Andy Ludlum – K6AGL
- January 19, 2030 Renew Club Packet Callsign (KJ6EUS) Trustee – Tim Wheeler – K6POI Action Brett to check if Tim will continue as trustee.