

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

Board Members:

President – Brett Price

Secretary – Bill Willcox

Education – Kat Hunley Absent

Public Relations – Paul Van Zuyle

Editor/Publisher – Andy Ludlum

Social – Mike Felio -Absent

Member at Large – Phil Bartlett

Vice President – Stu Forman - Absent

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: Brad Ormsby (invited), Keith Elliot, Greg Lanel

Action Items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order at 19:02 by Brett Price

- Action items were completed except as noted below.
- 1. **Minutes** - The Board reviewed the minutes of previous meeting, 10/8/2020. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve them, as written.
- 2. **Treasurer's Report** –
- 3. Financials through October were received. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve them, as submitted.
 - Yearend income and expenses for 2019 have been closed out. A grant from TO for \$953 was paid and included. No similar grant for 2021 is expected.
 - **Brett still working with Christian on 2019 budget report to be sent to the board.**
- 4. **Presidents Report** – Brett Price
 - The October speaker, Bob Brehm, was well-received by the 49 members who attended.
 - The November 19 speaker topic, Digital Modes; presented by Zak Cohen (assisted by Stu Sheldon) CVARC member at large., should be interesting.
 - See the discussion under Technical and Operations for details on the great shake out and field day details.
 - A slate of officers for 2021 was provided to the board and will be voted on by the membership at the 11/19 general meeting. Brad Ormsby has volunteered to be Vice President. Keith Elliot has volunteered to be Education Chair.
 - The Hugh Bosma award voting was conducted by chat. The winner, Jeff Reinhart, will be announced at the 11/19 General Meeting.
 - Due to COVID-19 the following meetings will be held virtually on Zoom: CVARC Holiday Cheer Party December 17 (hosted by Brad Ormsby). Board meeting January 12, 2021. The December Board meeting was moved and seconded to be canceled. The vote to cancel was unanimous.
 - When in person meetings resume coffee will be by Mike Felio, Cookies by Zak Cohen and raffle by Bill Willcox.

5. Vice Presidents Report – Stu Forman (Provided by Brett Price and Brad Ormsby)

- Speakers Committee –
 - This November speaker, Zak Cohen – N6PK, looks at the origination of the digital modes FT65, FT8 and FT4 and then moves on to basic configuration and operational settings. The presentation also covers different ways to operate and leverage radio and program settings while working the bands.
 - Adrian Jarrett will speak in January on DMR (coordinated by Andy Ludlum)
 - Speakers have been confirmed through Jan/Feb. Potential speakers have been identified through the end of 2021.

6. Operations – Martin Hickey

- Winter Field Day – It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to conduct Winter Field Day, January 30, virtually. The rules of engagement for a live field day event, in light of Ventura County reverting to purple COVID 19 status, were considered to be too restrictive and the anticipated attendance would be poor. Paul Van Zuyle will be coordinating SOTA operations.
- 2021 Field Day June 25-27 save the date regardless of COVID-19 restrictions.
- November 14 is the date of a Ventura County Red Cross event on VHF simplex. Andy will provide an announcement.
- The October presentation on RFI has motivated an experiment to be conducted at a later date to investigate, replicate, and, hopefully resolve, some of the sources of RFI during field day. Bill Willcox will lead the development of a test plan and procedure for the experiment, which will need to be conducted in person, in coordination with Ventura County COVID 19 precautions. It was moved, seconded and approved to spend not more than \$200 on Chokes and Filters to support the experiment. Martin Hicky to contact Palomar Engineering for recommended chokes and filters.

7. Reports from Members at Large –

- Zak: Reported on EOC events including Check-ins and ORT's. Zak will cancel the December 17 in-person Christmas Party with the hotel. The 220 repeater is operational again.
- Diane – Not Present
- Warren – Nothing new to report.
- Phil – Nothing new to report.

8. Technical – Andy Moorwood

- DYFI initiative – Event was well supported by 28 CVARC reports to the USGS, who provided favorable feedback.
- There are currently 20 or so participants on the Winlink net.
- A digital sub group is being set up on groups.io.

9. Education – Kat Hunley – Not Present

- Keith Elliot will take over as Education Chair. He solicited help from previous Chairs and Instructors.

10. Editor/Publisher – Andy Ludlum –

- Special interest sub-groups are expanding and now include digital/winlink sub groups.

11. VE Coordinator – Andy Ludlum –

- Nothing new to report.

12. Social – Mike Felio – Absent

13. Public Relations – Paul Van Zuyle

14. Investigating an article in the Acorn covering Amateur Radio Introduction.

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Submitted by Bill Willcox – KF6JQO

Important Dates:

- Fall, 2020: Contact Carol re: our meeting room at WLW City Hall. Reserve the second Thursdays specifically for each month of 2021. 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