

Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

2. New Member and Guest Introductions were conducted by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. President's Announcements were given by Jan, WB5JAN

A) Alan Katz Memorial Service and Military Honors was on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Whistling Springs Brewery in Seligman, MO. Many BVRC members and friends attended. Thank you to all who attended.

B) Solar Eclipse Event – Members from BVRC plan to attend the 2024 solar eclipse event and will activate POTA US-7280 during the eclipse. Check the BVRC Facebook page for update details. Members attending are Jan - WB5JAN, Glenn – WB5L, Robert – K5NZV, Dana – W5DGH, Dana – KI5TGY, and Joe, W5AEN. A potluck for members and guests will be held on Monday, April 8. Anyone planning to attend must let Jan know by tonight so enough food will be available.

C) N5T – the train excursion for the special event station

April 20, 2024

Special Event Station – last chance to get a ticket!

RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW!

To complete your ticket reservation:

Go to the BVRC website home page and click the

'N5T Train Mobile' tab on the right-hand side of page.

D) Bella Vista Nets Task Force Update

Over the past several weeks BVRC's Nets Task Force has been meeting to discuss how best to keep both our Tuesday "Ham 101" and Wednesday "Legacy Net" relevant to our members.

Among the improvements suggested thus far included:

- Modeling proper "check in" procedure as described by NCS each week
- Request "Recheck" to announce when needing to leave the net
- Establish designated ELMERS for "Ham 101" net
- Email "Nets Usage" survey to BVRC members for feedback

E) Special Door Prize

Courtesy of Joe Dunn, WA5JD, a desk was donated and will be given as the grand finale door prize at the end of this meeting.

4. BVRC Business Meeting

A) The Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were presented for approval and were unanimously approved

B) The Membership Report was presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. Current membership is 268.

C) The April 4, 2024, Treasurer Report was submitted by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ and presented to the club for discussion. The report:

Previous Balance \$3,555.51 (from March/2024 report)

Dues Collected \$ 300.14

Total \$3,855.65

Arvest account \$1,777.12

PayPal account \$1,958.53

Petty Cash \$120.00

Current Balance **\$3,855.65**

D) The VE Program Report was submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC. The following is a list of successful candidates:

Bella Vista Session:

Kyle Safarik - KE2CWX - Bella Vista - New Technician

Nick Laughlin - KJ5FEY - Bella Vista - New Technician

Kyle Schoeller - KJ5FEX - Rogers - New Technician

Ralph Wood - KJ5FDZ - Centerton - New General

Springdale Session:

Charles Ramer - KJ5FDT - Wesley - New Technician

Tom Salerno - KJ5ECZ - Siloam Springs - General Class Upgrade

William Cassidy - KJ5EKK - Greenland - General Class Upgrade

Tom Harris - KG5ZTR - Elkins - Amateur Extra Upgrade

5. Feature Club Presentation

The feature presentation was given by Glenn Kilpatrick, WB5L. The topic was:

“An Introduction to Winlink”

6. The Gear Exchange Announcements were made by Jan, WB5JAN

For sale or trade items are located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking “new to them” amateur radio equipment.

7. Club Door Prize Announcements were presented by Joe, W5AEN

Amateur radio related door prizes are provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

8. Adjournment

The next BVRC Club meeting is:

Thursday, May 2, 2024

See you there!

Respectfully submitted by Dana Hill, W5DGH.