

Events

Vagabond Annual Meeting: The Vagabonds will have their Annual Meeting on **Saturday, December 10 at 1:30pm on the usual frequency**. Meeting notes, including Agenda are in the following section "Annual Meeting Matters". Nominated officers are as follows: President, Neil Fishman (K2ZAP), Vice President, Fred Horton, (NA4P), and Secretary/Treasurer, Cathy Melvin, (KM4OCS). The deadline for further nominations has passed.

Annual Meeting Deadlines:

Agenda item deadline moved! Due to the agenda being released late, additional agenda items will accepted until Thursday, December 8. Motions not on the agenda will require a two-thirds majority to be heard, so please submit your agenda items in writing to vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com by midnight Thursday December 8.

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Annual Meeting Matters

VAGABOND RAGCHEW NET, Meeting Agenda, 12/10/2022

1. Call for Checkins
2. Call to Order
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report from Nominating Committee
6. Election of New Officers
7. Recognize All Net Controllers, Net Controller of the Year & Personal Information Coordinator
8. Vote to amend by-laws as in "Proposed Change to By-Laws" in Vagabond newsletters since April, 2022 and on the following page of this hand-out
9. Additional Business – no motions have (yet) been submitted
10. Adjourn

Proposed Change to By-Laws

(Note: the entire text of our current bylaws are on the website <http://vagabondnet.net>. Just click on the "Bylaws" link on the right side of the page)

The following proposal will be voted on during our next annual meeting on December 10, 2022.

We propose that this sentence in Section 4.2:

"All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina."

be replaced with the following sentence:

"All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina or over-the-air on the same frequency as daily nets."

The entire modified Section 4.2 would read as follows:

4.2 All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina or over-the-air on the same frequency as daily nets. The date, time, and place of any meeting will be chosen by majority vote of the persons then serving as officers.

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes (not yet approved)

The regular annual meeting of the Vagabond Ragchew Net was held Saturday, December 11, 2021, over-the-air on our usual frequency of 147.315. The President, K2ZAP, presided and the Secretary, KM4OCS, was present. The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. This meeting was announced per bylaws Section 4.3 on both website (<http://vagabondnet.net>) and on Nets prior to two weeks before the meeting. 24 member checkins were recorded (per bylaws Section 4.4, no quorum is necessary for the meeting). There were no proposed motions received by the officers. The minutes from the previous meeting (2020) were read and approved.

KM4OCS, as Treasurer, read the Treasury report. The report showed a balance on hand of \$781.29. The report is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

KX4ZQ, as chairman of the nominating committee, reported the Committee's nomination of the following as officers for the next term: for President, K2ZAP; for Vice President, KX4ZQ; and for Secretary-Treasurer, KM4OCS. There being no other nominees for those offices, all three nominees were elected by acclamation.

KF4EOD was recognized by the chair as the Vagabond Net Controller of the Year. The other net controllers were also recognized as well as KJ4UYR, our Personal Information Coordinator.

K2ZAP announced that bylaws changes would be discussed at a later meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

VAGABOND RAGCHEW NET, Treasurer's Report, 12/10/2022

Balance on Hand 12/11/2021 **\$ 781.29**

Receipts

Donations \$ 692.04

RECEIPTS TOTAL \$ 692.04

Disbursements

Repeater Support to FARC \$ 350.00

Secretarial Expense \$ 119.66

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL \$ 469.66

Balance on Hand 12/10/2022 \$1003.67

Cathy Melvin, Treasurer

Misc Announcements

Donate! To help support our repeater & allow us to keep sending certificates to our new Vagabonds, please send a check to Vagabond Ragchew Net, 800 Redwood Ct., Winston Salem, NC 27103. We thank you!

Net Controllers. We are in need of additional net controllers. If you are interested in assuming this responsibility, contact our officers at <mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com>. If no scheduled net controller has begun this net by 2:35 pm on a scheduled net day, any permanent Vagabond may act as net controller by being the first to volunteer, on the air, to do so. All tools needed for this task are available on our website (<http://vagabondnet.net/>) to any permanent Vagabond.

Feedback. if you would like to let us know how we are doing, please email the officers at <mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com>. We cannot accept complaints on the air due to agreements with our repeater owners.

Testing for Amateur Radio Licenses. There are many opportunities for license testing in our area. If you're planning on taking a license test, please bring the original and a photocopy of your current license (if you have one) and the original of any current CSCE, along with three forms of ID (one of which must be a photo ID). Also, remember to bring cash to pay your testing fees.

Winston-Salem – Please check the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club website at <https://w4nc.com/> for updates.

Thomasville - Tests are provided by the Tri-County Amateur Radio Club on the third Saturday of each month except December at 9:30 am at the Thomasville Public Library. For further details, please go to <http://NC4AR.org/> and click on the Calendar link.

Other Locations - There are probably other exam sessions near you. The best way to find out about them is to go the <https://www.arrl.org/> website and search “exam sessions”.

Newsletter Comments/Questions

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, or about the Vagabond Ragchew Net in general, write to our officers at: VagabondRagchewNet@gmail.com. Our officers are: President: Neil Fishman, K2ZAP, Vice President, Jeff Webster, KX4ZQ, Secretary/Treasurer: Cathy Melvin, KM4OCS.