

## **Events**

**Vagabond Annual Meeting:** The Vagabonds will have their Annual Meeting on **Saturday, December 2 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 items: Motions not on the agenda will require a two-thirds majority to be heard.,

## **News**

### **Annual Meeting Matters**

#### **VAGABOND RAGCHEW NET, Meeting Agenda, 12/2/2023**

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
9. Additional Business – no motions have been submitted
10. Adjourn

## **2022 Annual Meeting Minutes (not yet approved)**

The regular annual meeting of the Vagabond Ragchew Net was held Saturday, December 10, 2022, over-the-air on our usual frequency of 147.315. The President, K2ZAP, was ill, so the Vice President, KX4ZQ presided and the Secretary, KM4OCS, was present. The meeting was called to order at 1:38pm (after checkins). 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. 13 member checkins were recorded (per bylaws Section 4.4, no quorum is necessary for the meeting). There were no additional proposed motions received prior to the by the officers (besides the by-laws change). The minutes from the previous meeting (2021) were read and approved.

KM4OCS, as Treasurer, read the Treasury report. The report showed a balance on hand of \$1003.67. The report is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

KX4ZQ 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.

KE4ZFN, representing the nominating committee, reported the Committee's nomination of the following as officers for the next term: for President, K2ZAP; for Vice President, NA4P; and for Secretary-Treasurer, KM4OCS. There being no other nominees for those offices, all three nominees were elected by acclamation.

Silent Keys were announced. KE4ZFN spoke about #11, AF4XC, Ed Needham.

KX4ZQ read the proposed by-laws changed as follows:

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 motion was passed unanimously (there were no objections).

KM4OCS announced that K2ZAP will chair a committee to increase participation in nets and on his behalf called for volunteers for additional members, but there were none.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.

**VAGABOND RAGCHEW NET, Treasurer's Report, 12/2/2023**

**Balance on Hand 12/10/2022** **\$1003.67**

**Receipts**

Donations \$ 446.38

**RECEIPTS TOTAL** **\$ 446.38**

**Disbursements**

Repeater Support to FARC \$ 350.00

Secretarial Expense \$ 71.81

**DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL** **\$ 421.81**

**Balance on Hand 12/2/2023** **\$1028.24**

Cathy Melvin, Treasurer

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## 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!

**Breakfast.** We are again having breakfast every week. New day: Friday, same time, 9am, same place, K&W Healey Drive, Winston Salem, NC. You do not need to be a Vagabond or even a Ham to join us! Friends, spouses, strangers, all are welcome!

**Net Controllers.** We are in need of additional net controllers. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, email our officers at [vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com](mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com).

**Starting the Net:** 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 ([vagabondnet.net](http://vagabondnet.net)) to any permanent Vagabond.

**Members' Health and Welfare.** Our thanks to Janice, KJ4UYR, for serving as our Personal Information Coordinator. If you have or desire any information regarding Vagabonds as to their welfare or of illness in the family, contact Janice by e-mail ([catranch@jsteinberger.net](mailto:catranch@jsteinberger.net)), or by phone at (336) 705-1666.

**Feedback.** if you would like to let us know how we are doing, please email the officers at [vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com](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 [w4nc.com](http://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 [NC4AR.org](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 [arrl.org](http://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](mailto:VagabondRagchewNet@gmail.com). Our officers are: President: Neil Fishman, K2ZAP, Vice President, Fred Horton, NA4P, Secretary/Treasurer: Cathy Melvin, KM4OCS.