

MVARC Virtual Meeting Notes February 1, 2022

1. 6 people joined on Google Meet: Brad Hurd, Jim Conant, Marsha Conant, Al Clark, Mike Fuson, and Randy Teschner. John Bowser had some input per cell phone.
2. Jim talked about his conversation with Brenda Kirkland. The Red Cross building is not being used. Brenda plans to retire the end of March. Brad suggested we try to find a way to use the ham shack. We could secure the door to the garage to keep anyone out of the rest of the building. We could get a keyless entry with multiple codes for the main entrance to the ham shack, so we would know who enters.
3. Brad gave a VP report on the net. To increase participation, one possibility is to make it a participation net, not just one for check in. Changing the date or time might be helpful or letting other people rotate as net control. He also wants to shorten the preamble. Brad, Danny Stephens, and Mike Fusion are currently helping with the net. Mike has done promos for different civic organizations and clubs. He has offered to provide this service for our club. We also discussed options if the repeater goes down.
4. Brad reports interest in having another remote set up and another fox hunt. A fox hunt is planned the end of March or first of April. The Shriners' ham bash is definitely on for April 16. Brad discussed getting a web page and possibly finding someone in the club who could help set one up.
5. John Bowser relayed that a group of 30 from Dave Mollus' church are interested in taking the ham test and ham classes. The church will provide the facility. Al Clark explained that we can do the testing but not classes. It

is \$14 to take the test. Each individual must go to the FCC web site and get an FRN number first.

6. On finding a new ham shack location, Brad reports that Steve Groshong's facility at St. Joe Ave. and K Hwy. is a possibility. Herzog bought the church at Riverside and Mitchell; Darrell Jones is checking whether it would be available .