YLRL Board Meeting July 26, 2026 via ZOOM

Welcome and Call to Order - Diane, K2DO, President

President's Report - Diane, K2DO, thanked all members for their volunteer efforts for YLRL. She reported on her own activities including Dayton and WRTC as well as some personal events. She asked Katie, KE8LQR, to return as Youth Correspondent.

Secretary's Report - Anne, WB1ARU, had sent minutes out. Motion to accept - Vicki, second - Michelle, **VOTED**

Vice President/Scholarship Treasurer's Report - Vicki, N6KLS was appointed by Diane to be the Scholarship Treasurer, in line with the YLRL Procedure Policy. Vicki reported on the recent audit of the Scholarship funds. The complete report from the auditor and the changes that will be made based on the report are attached. She also presented the balances in the accounts: Money Market $48,215.76, CD $53,702.74, Total $101,918.50. Motion to accept - Anne, second - Michelle, **VOTED**.

Disbursing Treasurer's Report - Judy, KC5BOO, reported receipts of $6346.00 from January 1 to June 30 with disbursements of $3031.54, leaving a checking account balance of $7618.83. The savings account has $14,059.28 and there are 3 CDs with $10,583.35 in two notes and one with $10,268.51. The total of all accounts is $53,113.32. Judy apologized for not opening another CD as was voted at the last meeting. She will be taking care of that shortly, with input from Linda, AC5QQ, Finance Committee. Motion to accept - Vicki, second - Barb I, **VOTED**.

DX Receiving Treasurer's Report - Lorna, KI5FIZ, reported that there are currently 68 DX members, 14 are self-paid and 54 have sponsors. She reached out to 10 members who previously had sponsors and asked if they would like her to find them new sponsors and none did. New DX members seem to be younger and new to ham radio.

US/VE Receiving Treasurer's Report - Vicky L., AE9YL, reported that there are currently 455 members with 100 who have not renewed for 2026. She also mentioned that there were several recent new members which were not in her count. She also mentioned that often renewals come through 1 year from when the YL first joined - not at the end of the year. There was discussion about reaching out to non-renewals by District Chairs.

Scholarship - Barbara, KI7BR, reported that there were 24 applications received by the deadline. One additional award of $2500. was made this year due to the outstanding candidates and the availability of enough funds. The selection process is being refined as the committee gains experience.

Website Report - Michelle, W5MQC, reported that she would like to get more information from members and districts. She suggested that the web pages could be seen as advertising from each district to encourage more YLs to join. She has taken care of renewals of the domain and web hosting sites for the maximum allowed.

Continuous Membership - Ann, WA1S, reported that she has sent out 15 US, 1 VE and 3 DX certificates. She also sent out 23 US and 26 DX diamond stickers. One was returned due to mail restrictions to Israel. (later lifted)

Old Business

Logos - Nancy, KC4IYD, reported on the work that the committee had done so far. There was agreement that the old logos will be retained, this will be a more up-to-date version. There is strong feeling about the current "Girl On the World", both positive and negative. Design ideas will be solicited with a contest open to the membership with the understanding that the logo will belong to YLRL. After their designs are submitted, there will be a membership vote. The winner will receive a prize.

New Business

Policy & Procedures revision - Anne, WB1ARU, reported that the revised Policy & Procedures was sent out with all changes highlighted. The current P & P is available on the website. It was pointed out that the majority of the changes were updates reflecting the current ways that YLRL is operating. There were no questions from the board members present. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the President would send a ballot to each member of the Board of Directors providing an opportunity to vote on the revisions.

Associate Membership - The background for this discussion is that the Constitution states that membership is open to any woman of any age who holds a valid amateur radio license. The By-laws provide for Full Members, Family Members, Associate Members (DX!), Life Members, and Honorary Members. Subscriptions to *YLH* have been allowed for several years, originally to permit men who wanted information for classes to have the information. Recently a licensed Italian SWL submitted dues for membership even though she does not hold an amateur license. Other YLs who are studying for their licenses have also joined. Since Associate is already defined as a DX member, we need to figure out what to do. Diane, K2DO asked Anne, WB1ARU to work on this issue.

Nominating Committee - Nancy, KC4IYD has agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Barb I., KC1GQZ offered to be a member, as well as Linda M., KC8PKY, and Linda R., W1MP/3.

Other - Linda R., W1MP/3 asked about the cut-off date for dues. Dues are due on December 31. There is a grace period until March 31. Members who have not renewed by then will not receive the updated password for access to *YLH*, which is announced on April 15.

Announcements -

YLRL 2027 Convention will be held in Massachusetts in August, in conjunction with HamXposition, the New England ARRL Convention. Committee members include Barb I., KC1GQZ; Anne M., WB1ARU; Nancy, KC4IYD, and Diane, K2DO. One feature will be a trip to ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT. The hotel is the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough. Motion by Diane, K2DO, second by Linda R, W1MP/3, **VOTED**.

YL DXpedition to Dry Tortugas announced for 2027. Contact: Molly, W3NY

Next meeting - Sunday, October 25, 8pm ET, 7pm CT, 6pm MT, 5pm PT

Meeting adjourned after a round-table for comments from the group.

Attendance: Diane, K2DO; Vicki Z., K6KLS; Anne M., WB1ARU; Linda M., KC8PKY; Vicky L., AE7YL; Barb Y., AC7UH; Barb I., KC1KGS; Lorna, KI5FIZ; Michelle, W5MQC; Suzan, W2QMI; Linda R., W1MP/3; Debbie, WB6LVC; Tonya, KR4BTJ; Ann F., WA1S; Barb R., KI7BR; Judy C., KC5BOO; Linda H., AC5QQ; Nancy, KC4IYD; Kathy, VE3GYL.