

TSARC, INC. MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President Monsevellas, KD5VMQ at 6:35 PM at the First Community Bank on 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. There were 20 members and visitors present.

Secretary Creamer, N9OJN, read the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2006. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Lipke, KD5GWV, read the Treasurers report. Balance as of January 2006 was 1207.35. Income from the Ham Fest was \$306.00. Expenses were 29.95 to Bonnie Morton, KD5VMD, for renewal of the license for her computer program. Also \$2.50 for bank charges. \$159.95 was paid for the door prize 2 meter radio. Net income for the Ham Fest was \$146.05. This compares to the net income for the 2005 Ham Fest of \$60. No 50/50 tickets were sold due to a technical problem.

President Rudy thanked Floyd for his efforts working on the Ham Fest. Also for writing thank you letters to STARS president Dave Woolweaver, K5RAV, and the Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge for the use of their facilities. The letters to Dr. Woolweaver and ER Hunsaker were read.

Our guest speaker Mr. Jack Barnard, WY0F, of Grand Island, NE. who is Assistant Section Chief of the Nebraska ARRL was introduced. He gave a short talk about high altitude balloon chasing. A 2 meter Ham radio, GPS unit and other electronic equipment are attached to a weather balloon and after inflation it is released. The Hams locate it when it comes down. Sounds like fun.

OLD BUSINESS: President Rudy congratulated all involved in the Ham Fest. Russ Lamb, WU8H, had planned on showing a VCR tape about Code Busters but was unable to do so.

WEB PAGE: Charles needs old copies of minutes for the summer months. He advised that Domain was up for renewal. Charles was advised to work with George Salanis, KD4FT, and Bonnie Morton, KD5VMD, and give them the password so that they may add items to the web page.

Logo for Harlingen/San Benito Ham Radio operators were passed around by the president. No selection was made.

President Rudy asked Ducky, WA5ZRP to give his report of the committee to look for a different place to meet for breakfast. He reported that he had examined many sites but found none better

suited, price wise and size of room, than our current location, Mi Rancho at Business 77 and Helen Moore Road. However, he personally would like to have our meeting moved back to Lonnie's Down Home. Our old place.

A motion was made by Pat, KB0TFK, seconded by Jodie, AB0EG, to vote on which place to select for our weekly meeting and breakfast. Choice would be between Mi Rancho and Lonnie's Down Home. Jack Barnard, WY0F, a non member counted the votes. Only paid up members could vote. The final vote was: 7 for Mi Rancho, 5 for Lonnie's, 1 for Mi Rancho in Harlingen and 2 for Platillos on Williams Road in San Benito. The President announced that by secret ballot the club had voted to continue meeting at Mi Rancho on Helen Moore Road.

Much heated discussion followed. Charles, N5PVL, made a motion, seconded by Virginia to have a vote on "whether to have our weekly breakfast in either Harlingen or San Benito." No specific site was mentioned. A secret ballot was held. Again votes were counted by Jack Barnard. Six voted for Harlingen and six for San Benito. The tie was broken by President Rudy who voted for San Benito. We will continue at Mi Rancho. President thanked all who helped Ralph Waddups, WA9IES, erect his 34' fold down tower. Photos are on the web site.

President congratulated the group for progress in the Ham classes being held. Twenty five started the class.

Ducky will take net control for Rudy if needed.

President closed the meeting at 7:45 PM. Many went to What-A-Burger on Ed Carey Road. Our Past President Mike Partousch, K5MAI, has re-joined our club.

Floyd E. Creamer, N9OJN
Secretary