

TSARC, INC - MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2006

TSARC, INC, Amateur Radio Club, met at the First Community Bank on 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. There were 19 members and visitors present.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Rudy Monsevalles, KD5VMQ.

Secretary read the minutes of the Meeting of Feb. 7, 2006. No corrections. They were approved as read.

Treasurer, Steven Lepki, KD5GWV, gave his report. Beginning balance of \$1609.90. \$80 received for dues. \$2.50 paid for bank fees. Balance March 7, 2006 is \$1687.40. Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, Vice Director of the West Gulf Division for ARRL was introduced by President Rudy. He gave a presentation regarding the new repeater, 147.140 installation on a tower of the roof of the Harlingen Medical Center. It will be also capable of 440. Factory is sending replacement parts. The new repeater is located near San Benito and also has the ability to reach Lyford and Mission/McAllen areas. All hams are welcome to use this new STARS repeater.

He also discussed a National Weather Sky Warn training session. He invited all Hams to attend the session to be held at the Harlingen Medical Center office building directly adjacent to US 77/83 expressway. Class will last two hours. Representatives of the Brownsville Weather Center will conduct the training.

He announced that the new president of ARRL has appointed him to the ARRL Finance Committee. A very important job for someone from the Valley to have.

Dave informed us that the Medical Center has offered our club a place to have meetings, hold classes and use for other purposes. We must reserve the room in advance. They want to work with us for things like emergency drills and other special events.

Charles, N5PVL, announced that he would assist with any digital equipment if needed.

A new visitor, WB5VUB of La Feria, was introduced. She is a long time Ham. She gave a short talk about herself.

Logos and club T-shirts and hats were discussed. Charles will put the proposed emblems on the WEB page. Anyone who wants to submit a sample Logo can do so.

The secretary announced that a back-up secretary should be selected for the

summer. Bob Raynor, W6LUY, helped last year. Charles stated that he would also be available. President indicated he would select a back up secretary.

George, KD4FJ, asked how the recent 100 Mile Bike ride went. Seems it went well.

Most of the Fun & Sun crew were absent due to testing of their Ham class. Twelve of the twenty people who took the class passed that test and the upgrade tests.

Dick Des Rosiers, W1KGZ, and Jack Barnard, WY0F, Asst. Midwest Division Section

Manager for Nebraska, discussed APRS. This is a system where you can have your

2 meter Ham radio bounced off the orbiting satellite. It will pin point your location and all other APRS Hams in the area. It is a GPS, satellite and Ham radio system that is getting very popular. Go to FINDU.COM to find out more.

Dick gave more information. See UIVIEW on a TNC. Stolen vehicles can be located with this system.

Meeting closed at 7:20 PM.

Floyd E. Creamer, N9OJN
Secretary.