

**Meeting Minutes**  
**TSARC, Inc.**  
**April 3, 2007**

The Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., April 3, 2007 meeting was called to order by Rudy Monsevalles, president, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Community Bank, 787 South Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. There were 15 members and guests present. Steve Lepki, Treasurer, was absent; all other officers were in attendance. George Salinas, director, was present; Charles Brabham and Russ Lamb, directors, were not in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Carolyn Ross, secretary, read the minutes of the March 6 meeting. Ralph Waddups moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by George Salinas and approved by member vote. Carolyn thanked Floyd Creamer for recording the March minutes in her absence.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In Steve Lepki's absence, Pat Stotler read the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$1852.96, bank charge of \$2.50; Balance \$1850.46. Bob Raynor moved that the report be accepted, Jodie Law seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jodie Law reported that there was no correspondence for the month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Monsevalles reported that there were a couple people who took the FCC Amateur Radio Test at the Harlingen Medical center on March 1, which went smoothly. He thanked Ralph Waddups for a job well done. Ron Morton arranged for testing at Fun N Sun on March 7, which also went well.

President Monsevalles talked about how our club's providing this testing service was good, something we should be doing in the community. He said we should plan for more testing in the future.

President Monsevalles thanked all club members who participated in the preparation and setup for the testing; adding again that it was a successful endeavor.

President Monsevalles recapped what was discussed the prior month about the Saturday morning breakfast. Rudy talked with the manager at Mi Rancho, and reported that we'll continue the breakfast at Mi Rancho for now. He encouraged members to bring forward their ideas if they had suggestions for alternate sites.

President Monsevalles expressed concerns about the club's web site in that it was not being kept current. Rudy e-mailed Charles about his posting minutes on a timely basis, but has not received a response as yet. Rudy asked if anyone has an interest in doing the web site. There were no responses. He asked that we think about it and make suggestions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Field Day – President Monsevalles said our last Field Day was at Bob Raynor’s house. His backyard is a nice area for the exercise and everyone seemed to have a good time. Rudy said he’d like to see us do an overnight camping Field Day. Bob Raynor suggested that we go to a different place, possibly the field next to the Elks Lodge where the public could view the exercise. Percy Marchbanks said he was a member of the Elks as are many of the TSARC, perhaps approval of the Elks would not be too difficult to arrange for this exercise. Rudy asked the membership if that is what we want to do. George suggested that we go forward with the idea, set a time frame, schedule, and decide who is to be responsible.

There is a possibility of donated generated power for the Field Day. It was noted that several members will be away at the time of the Field Day. Discussion followed that there would need to be at least ten people. George said we could use beam antennae – Bob Raynor said he could bring his.

Bob Raynor said he would verify if we can use Elks area, repeated again that it would be public and a highly visible area which best serves the objectives for the Field Day.

George said we’d need some kind of a device to erect the beam, possible a fire truck. Rudy said he might find someone who can help with this idea.

Rudy said this was an excellent brainstorming session and asked that we think about plans and bring ideas to the next meeting.

147.390 is coming off the air sometime this month due to a audio and antennae problem. Nets will improve with the repeater system once it’s repaired on up again.

George Salinas moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ross  
Secretary, TSARC, Inc.