

**Meeting Minutes**  
**TSARC, Inc.**  
**December 4, 2007**

The Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., December 4, 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 12 members present. All officers were in attendance. George Salinas, Charles Brabham, and Russ Lamb, club directors, were absent.

**MINUTES**

The secretary read the minutes of the November meeting, noting that Floyd Creamer had taken the minutes in her absence – for which she thanked him. Bob Raynor said the report re the Swap Fest was not given by him, but was by Charles Brabham. Also, the Christmas party was to be at 5 p.m., not 6:30 p.m., as recorded in the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Steve Lepki read the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$1629.36 less bank charge of \$2.50, and donation of \$25 to Elks Club; Balance \$1601.86. Bob Raynor moved that the report be accepted, Floyd Creamer seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jodie Law reported that there was a letter received from The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. to inform that they are accepting applications for 55 scholarships for the academic year 2008-09. They said they were anxious to reach as many deserving licensed Radio Amateurs as possible who are seeking additional education beyond high school. The particulars are available in the news release, which is on file and available on request.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Bob Raynor reported that Ducky was in Valley Baptist Hospital and requested that any member who could, please stop by to visit him as he could really use the support and some cheering up. The club secretary will send a cheery, get well card from our club.

Floyd Creamer reminded us that Ham radio guys meet informally over breakfast at the Elks Lodge on Wednesday mornings, and invites all members to join them at 8:30 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A reminder that the Christmas Party is scheduled for 5 p.m., Sunday, December 9 at the Lone Star Restaurant. Remember to bring an unwrapped children's gift for a boy or girl

***Regarding the swap meet scheduled for January. Items discussed:***

- Carolyn will send a letter to Mr. Woolweaver requesting an announcement to be made on the repeater.
- Floyd will contact the Valley Morning Star newspaper and the Winter Texan newspaper, Community Affairs section, about an announcement.
- Ralph will announce the testing sessions on the net.

- Jodie will announce the testing sessions on the FNS Monday morning net.
- Ron Hoopman will announce on the McAllen net.
- Breakfast at the Elks Club on the day of the swap meet will begin at 7 a.m.
- Bob Raynor suggested Bonnie to spearhead the drawing for the radio, Jodie will assist.
- Ron Hoopman will run the 50/50 drawing.
- Set-up will begin January 19 at 8 a.m.
- Floyd will arrange for a private room for testing.
- Ralph has all paperwork ordered for the 3 tests to be given.
- It's okay to have arts and crafts tables, but confine invitation to word-of-mouth only.
- Jodie will bring the banner.

## NEW BUSINESS

Steve said he heard that the Brownsville Charro Group will have their shrimp fest on January 26, although no official announcement has been made.

Bob Raynor said he will be working with the Boy Scout winter camp program beginning December 26 to help the scouts earn a merit badge for amateur radio. Help is needed on December 27<sup>th</sup> to assist with this effort. Volunteers are Steve, Ron, and Rudy. If members cannot come out, they can assist by talking with the scouts on radio from their ham stations at home for three nights on December 27, 28, and 29.

The subject of a club repeater was tabled.

Bob Raynor said that he could teach a Sky Warn class. He said as a club we could assist the Brownsville Charro group and could provide VEs for testing. Within the next month a class is proposed to teach *to the test* and administer the test – all in one day. He said this would be an excellent incentive for getting a license in one day. Bob has materials, is ready to go but may need help in reading questions etc. Contact him if you can assist.

President Rudy Monsevellas thanked all members for their support through the year, and said the club had met every month and had accomplished many goals. He said that the club is strongest now with Winter Texans returning.

Floyd Creamer said we should stay on new people to encourage them to join in activities when they show interest.

Floyd moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/  
Carolyn Ross, secretary