

Meeting Minutes
TSARC, Inc.
February 6, 2007

The Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., February 6, 2007 meeting was called to order by Rudy Monsevalles, president, at 6:35 p.m. at the First Community Bank, 787 South Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. There were 29 members and guests present. Pat Stotler, vice president, was absent, all other officers and directors were in attendance.

MINUTES

Carolyn Ross, secretary, read the minutes of the January 3 meeting. There were corrections noted: It was Dr. Woolweaver who donated an AARL manual as a prize for the drawing at the TSARC, Inc. Ham Fest, not Russ Lamb; Russ Lamb did NOT offer to call FCC to order books, but said he would if needed; David Woolweaver's name was corrected – he's not David Woolvereen. Corrections were made to the minutes. Floyd Creamer moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Charles Brabham and approved by member vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Lepki read the Treasurer's report for January. Beginning balance of \$1,231.46 with income of \$43.50 from half/half Ham Fest drawing, \$282.00 from tickets for radio raffle, and \$81.00 in dues. There was a bank charge of \$2.50 and an expense item of \$6.00 for TSARC, Inc. Charter Renewal. Additional income on February 3 of \$184.00 from dues. There is a new balance of \$1,813.46. It was noted by Steve that there was a net profit of \$66.50 from the TSARC, Inc. Ham Fest drawing and raffle. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jodie Law reported that the Charter renewal notice from the State of Texas was received and has been paid.

OLD BUSINESS

President Monsevalles reported that he and Steve Lepki, treasurer, met with First Community Bank representative Sidney Carmona regarding the previously discussed requirement that TSARC, Inc. checks have two signatures. Monsevalles said they learned that the bank provides "token monitoring" for two signatures, but there would be a \$25 per month charge to have a hands-on verification for every check processed. Monsevalles opened discussion to the club to see if they wanted to consider this \$25 fee. Lengthy discussion followed and centered on allowing discretionary purchases up to \$100 without approval, checking with other banks to determine what additional charges might apply and should we consider bonding as an option to make sure funds are safe. Monsevalles said he wanted to maintain trust and keep all members informed. Russ Lamb said it was not a question of integrity, but good business practice to have financial procedures in place. Monsevalles suggested a committee be formed to research options with other banks to make sure our funds are safe. He called for volunteers – Virginia Brabham and Charles Brabham will check with other banks and report back to the club at the next meeting.

President Monsevalles thanked all club members who participated for their work on the TSARC, Inc. Ham Fest, adding that it was a successful event.

The committee formed last month to look into dates for testing—Ralph Waddups, Bob Raynor and Charles Brabham—reported that they've arranged for testing at the Harlingen Medical Center, southwest corner of the physician's building at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1.

Ron Morton reported that testing was also scheduled at FUN n SUN at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7.

President Monsevalles called for someone to be responsible for procuring materials and to be generally in charge of testing activities. Charles Brabham made a motion to appoint Ralph Waddups as Testing Liaison, the in-charge person being responsible for procuring materials and for scheduling and monitoring testing to conform to AARL Rules and Regulations covering test procedures and related policies. Floyd Creamer seconded. Minimal discussion followed. Vote by the membership was an overwhelming aye.

NEW BUSINESS

President Monsevalles introduced our guest, Russell Van Hess. Russell had heard conversation on the repeater about the TSARC, Inc. meeting and decided to drop in. He lives near Raymondville.

Russ Lamb announced that there is a ham fest scheduled for this coming Saturday at the Palmer Pavilion in McAllen. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with sales beginning at 8:30 a.m. Russ distributed amateur radio related charts to those interested.

A suggestion was made to consider moving the TSARC, Inc. Saturday morning breakfast to a different location. It was briefly discussed and decided that the February 10 breakfast would be at Pappi's Restaurant on 77 Sunshine Strip in San Benito. Jodie Law volunteered to inform the manager at Mi Rancho that we would not be there for breakfast on next Saturday.

Jack Barnard said he has a repeater up that should cover Harlingen and has offered it for TSARC, Inc. use. Frequency is 443.950 plus offset, PL123.

Carol Hanson asked for help in setting-up an antenna at her house in Lyford. Floyd Creamer has helped, but need more assistance now. Carol has all the supplies needed for the project. Volunteers are asked to come on Saturday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Bob Raynor moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ross
Secretary, TSARC, Inc.

