

Meeting Minutes
TSARC, Inc.
October 2, 2007

The Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., October 2, 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 16 members and 2 guests present. All officers were in attendance. George Salinas and Charles Brabham, directors, were present; Russ Lamb, director, was not in attendance.

MINUTES

Carolyn Ross, secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting. Pat Stotler moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Charles Brabham, and approved by member vote.

Carolyn advised she would not be able to take the minutes for the November meeting as she would be out of town. Bob Raynor said that he or Floyd would be able to fill-in during her absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Lepki read the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$1853.96 less bank charge of \$2.50; Balance \$1851.46. Virginia Brabham 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 incoming correspondence for the month. Jodie said she talked with Ron and Bonnie Morton who should be back by the next meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Rudy Monsevalles told the membership that a TSARC, Inc. letter of support for his reelection as Vice Director, West Gulf Division, ARRL, had been written and forwarded to him. Rudy asked Carolyn Ross to read the letter to the membership. (Copy attached) The membership expressed their approval of the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no information regarding the location of the Shrimp Fest usually held in November. Will try to get information by next meeting.

Bob Raynor requested volunteers for the Annual Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) during the weekend of 19, 20 and 21 October 2007. The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. Bob would like us to set-up to be able to participate in this event, perhaps opening member's homes and equipment for the scouts use. Also needs help at the Elks Lodge where he will have a tent and generator setup for use all day on October 20. Looking for volunteers, please call him.

NEW BUSINESS

President Rudy opened discussion of TSARC, Inc. Annual Ham Fest to be held in January, said it is not too early to begin planning. Suggestions followed including: have a test session, hold a raffle for a radio like last year, and consider including craft sales to help draw in more traffic. Bob Raynor will make the reservation with the Elks Lodge for Saturday, January 19th. Steve Lepki offered to research and purchase a dual band radio similar to last years model.

President Rudy asked for volunteers and appointed three members to the nominating committee for next year's slate of officers: Virginia Brabham, Deborah Jo Van, and Bob Ross. The election will be at the November meeting.

The 2007 Christmas Holiday Party was discussed. Deborah Jo Van volunteered to make reservations for 30-35 people at the Lone Star Restaurant (on Business HW 83.) We will have our regular meeting on December 4th. The party will be on Saturday, December 8th. As in past years, members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy (\$10 limit) that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Discussion began about Winter Field Day, perhaps held in February. Charles Brabham will check on details, discussion to continue at the next meeting.

George Salinas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ross
Secretary, TSARC, Inc.