

Meeting Minutes
TSARC, Inc.
September 2, 2008

The September meeting of the Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was called to order by Rudy Monsevalles, president, at 6:30 p.m. at the Harlingen Medical Center Office Building, 5505 Expressway 77/83, Harlingen, Texas. There were 8 members present. All TSARC, Inc. officers were present. Directors George Salinas and Russ Lamb were both absent.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous meeting were not available to report. The secretary was out of town for the June, July, and August meetings.
- Carolyn Ross said she would be out of town for the October meeting. During her absence, Bob Raynor as agreed to act as secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bob Ross read the treasurers report, and reported an ending balance of \$2,137.51. The report was accepted as reported.
- Bob was out of town for the June, July, and August meetings. He will be out of town for the October meeting. In his absence, requests for reimbursement or other financial questions should be directed to Rudy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jodie Law reported there was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Jody opened discussion about a swap meet in January. Suggested we have a drawing for a radio. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- Rudy would like to get more people involved with club activities. Perhaps have a picnic in October. Will discuss at next meeting.
- Jody said Tila's will open after hours for special events. Discussion followed on checking it out for our Christmas party. Jody will talk with them about cost, availability, etc. and report back at the next meeting.
- Discussion about raising the antennae on the Hospital radio tower by 20 feet, would increase coverage.
- Ralph talked about having multi radio classes and testing.
- Rudy said to watch for opportunities to promote membership. Said we might have a booth at Rio Fest. Discussion followed with members offering suggestions on ways for public exposure. It was discussed to schedule dinner meetings with speakers. Said we need to get community exposure, if we don't advertise, no one will respond. Let people know the club is not the old club, has new leadership. Pat said to talk on radio to promote fellowship and the club, show we're mobile. The

members present said they were proud of the ARRL article that promoted radio in the Valley. Said maybe we could get involved in the Walk Across the Causeway this winter. Also suggested we join in on the Xmas Parade in San Benito. Jody suggested we have more testing sessions to upgrade members to general. Rudy said we need to make a commitment to grow our membership; Jody agreed and said we need to put our money to work.

- All members present agreed this was a good brain-storming session – and said we need to put all the ideas to work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carolyn Ross, secretary