

Meeting Minutes
TSARC, Inc.
July 7, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Texas Southmost Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was called to order by Ralph Waddups, president, at 6:30 p.m. at the Harlingen Medical Center Office Building, 5505 Expressway 77/83, Harlingen, Texas. There were 12 members present, including all TSARC, Inc. officers and directors. Louis Petit joined us as a visitor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Carolyn Ross, secretary, and approved as read. Carolyn apologized for her failure to notify members of the meeting, she just flat forgot.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Ross read the treasurer's report noting no activity in the previous month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jodie Law reported there was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Re the CD from ARRL discussed last month, Pat Stotler will check about showing the program, perhaps next month.

There was interest in a tracking device called TinyTrak which enables radio operators to be tracked on a map while on the road using the tracking device linking through a GPS to the Internet. Pat said she will try to make arrangements for such a program.

There was renewed discussion to generate interest in ham radio and TSARC, Inc. to increase attendance at monthly meetings. Ralph suggested we might want to have door prizes as an enticement to attend meetings. George made a motion to have a drawing for dinner for two at Whataburger. Discussion ensued. George revised his motion to read: To have a drawing with two door prizes each month for the next four months (August, September, October, and November) consisting of one \$10 prize and a second prize of a small gift, such as a LED flashlight or something similar. The motion carried. The treasurer will write four TSARC, Inc. checks for \$10 each and leave with Ralph Waddups, president, to award each of the four months. George Salinas and Ralph will purchase the additional second gift and hold for each month's award. Jodie Law has tickets and will make them available for the drawing each month.

The new door prize event will be promoted through a meeting announcement sent to members each month by the secretary, and will be promoted by all members while making radio contacts with other ham radio operators in the area.

Discussion opened regarding Field Day which was held at Bob Raynor's house on Saturday, June 27, 2009. A testing session early in the day netted one new club Extra, congratulations to Rudy Monsevallias. Also passing for Extra was Juan Leyva, KE5DSR, of Raymondville. Several enthusiastic TSARC, Inc. members made radio contacts, successfully making many contacts. Delicious side dishes provided by participants along with an excellent BBQ plate lunch prepared by our hostesses Lillian Raynor and Dee Waddups, made the

afternoon a great success. They were thanked for the scrumptious nourishment capping off a fun-filled, successful Field Day.

George Salinas, assisted by Steve Lepki, reported he made 600 contacts on Field Day from a different location.

NEW BUSINESS

Jodie Law and Pat Stotler recently returned from a single-sideband convention in Seattle, Washington. They travelled from Austin via train, reporting it was a long trip—but very enjoyable. Attendance at the convention was good and included one couple aged 89 and 91 who still pursue their radio hobby with zest. Members came from as far away as Barbados and Canada. Jodie said next year's meeting would be in Columbia, South Carolina, and she and Pat plan to attend.

There was discussion regarding Homeland Security and their Unified Radio Communications Plan for First Responders, noting that there was no mention of ham radio operations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ross
Secretary