



Minutes for 1-12-2019

Meeting opened at 1310. By Vice President Joe Cobos KG5BPK

Roll call sign-in-sheet was passed out. See attached attendance sheet.

Finance Report: No Report

Rio Link report: The Olmito Repeater is still down. It was sent in for repairs but Toby Driscoll N5SIM is having difficulties finding parts. Rene KF5KYL mentioned it might be better to purchase a new Yaesu repeater like we have in Pharr. Discussion at a later date.

VE Report: Dave Waldrige WA5MMY advises he had one tester for Tuesday the 8th. Congratulations to Lilith Cain for passing the Tech test. We've had testing consecutively on a monthly basis this year.

District 3 ARES: Padini Santiago KG5LTY reported on the Harlingen Marathon being held on February 10th. He has been in contact with the promoters and is requesting that we assist with communications. We are offered a booth to set up and if we are needed we will be ready to respond. (Attached is his presentation). Those that can assist please contact him. John Cain N5MGC advised that this would be a good exercise for our ARES component.

Please register for the All Hazard conference scheduled for March 27th and 28th. We have a booth that we set up to showcase our skills. A link for registration will be on our website.

RACES net is the 1st Wednesday of the month on the STARS repeater system. Please check in if you can.

Dave Waldrige WA5MMY advise he can make IDs with our logo and member pictures. Just email him a picture that you would like on your ID.

Website Report: Thanks to the effort of John Cain N5MGC we have a new updated website: rgvarc.org. It has updated information plus a PayPal link for donations and one for membership dues. We have a list of frequencies in pdf format for downloading plus members names. The

contact email will go to Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL for those needing information. Joe Cobos KG5BPK thanked John N5MGC for a job well done. If items need to be posted please contact John N5MGC to do so. Members are urged to check it periodically for updated information on events, donations and dues.

OLD BUSINESS: Christmas gathering was a success. It was a fun time with several door prizes given out thanks to members and Dr. Dave Woolweaver K5RAV. Check the website for pictures.

A fun time was had at Eddie's Olivarez K5UEZ ranch in San Isidro. Those who attended were able to practice shooting guns and try to make a contact on the HF radio.

NEW BUSINESS:

Art Horovitch VE5AIH from Quebec, Canada came by to visit. This is his first time in the Valley and wanted to meet us. He will be leaving soon and programmed his radio for our local repeaters and DMR.

Field Day has been tentatively scheduled for January 26th at Patty Rainy place in La Feria pending her confirmation. Joe Ashcom AG5DL will contact her. Keep checking the website for confirmation.

Meeting adjourned at 1348.

President
Eddie Olivarez, K5UEZ

Secretary
Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL

Activity Proposal for RGV-ARC

Activity: Field Day/Marathon Field Day

Date: February 10, 2019

QTH: Harlingen Municipal Auditorium
Harlingen, Texas

Time: 6:00 am to 12:00 nn

Objective: Public Service
Emergency Preparedness/Readiness Exercise
Ham Fellowship – Valley-wide
Hobby and Club Exposure/Public Relation

Overview:

Footwork Start to Finish – A Shoe and Running Accessories Store together with The City of Harlingen is hosting its second Full marathon ran in the City of Harlingen in Texas. It's a fun-filled activity not just for runners but also for the entire community. The magnitude and scope of the event is a great opportunity for our club to exercise our social obligation to render our service as alternative means of communication when "all else fails". It is also an opportunity for our club to show and tell the public of our existence, particularly our capabilities in times of emergency and disaster situations. As far as the members are concern, we'll have an opportunity not just to socialize amongst ourselves but with the community as well. We shall also invite fellow hams from all over the valley for a valley-wide mini-gathering of sort.

Direct Participation: As an alternative communication outfit/crew for the event. Teams of two hams (or more) are to be designated at different water stations and/or First Aid Station. Our base station will be located in the vicinity of the start/finish line. An optional mobile comm crew can be organized to go and drive (or bike) along marathon route.

What do we need:

- Tent
- Portable/mobile Ham Shack
- Tables and Chairs
- Food
- Club Shirt
- Club Banner
- Personal Ham Go Bags/Gear

(Your input will be highly appreciated)