



Minutes for 2-9-2019

Meeting opened at 1305. By President Eddie Olivarez K5UEZ

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

It was announced that John Reed KG5EZZ is a silent key. A last call was performed during the Thursday night ARES net and a tribute video is on You Tube. A moment of silence was observed.

Finance Report: No Report

Rio Link report: The Olmito Repeater is still under repairs. Still no date on when the La Feria tower will be demolished. Eddie K5UEZ is in contact with American Towers but did mention that the \$3000 is still the amount required to place the repeater on another tower. Dave Waldrige WA5MMY advised that the 900 mhz repeater is up and running at the Pharr tower and is also a Allstar node. He will get back with us with the frequency. The DMR repeater is still operational as is D-Star. A big thank you to Alan Yoder who owns the Pharr Tower and allows us to place our repeater on it.

VE Report: Dave Waldrige WA5MMY advises he has no one signed up for Tuesday the 12th testing session.

District 3 ARES: John Cain N5MGC and Padini Santiago KG5LTY reported that there will be a special meeting after the regular meeting to hand out the Harlingen Marathon passes and to go over any questions. We must be in place by 6 am.

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.

Website Report: RGVARC.org is our website and a good source of information. The contact portion goes directly to the Secretary Rene Lopez, Jr. KF5KYL and he would do the best to get you the information you need. Members are urged to check it periodically for updated information on events. Membership dues and donations can be done on the website utilizing

PayPal. We will not place the membership roll on the site due to privacy concerns. Cathy Ault has an updated membership list that you can ask for. Contact her at cault13@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS: Field daly at Patty Raney WA5ZIP location is still tentative. Eddie K5UEZ advise that if the club wishes he can host another at his ranch. Just let him know on a date.

NEW BUSINESS: Chantel Flores KG5OCI advised that STC weslaco campus is preparing for the Hurricane Expo and is in contact with the Coordinator Jeremy Hink, Physical Science Instructor. She will give us more information so we may set up a display like last year.

The annual Ham Swap meet held at the Fun n Sun Rv park in San Benito is scheduled for March 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 1345.

President
Eddie Olivarez, K5UEZ

Secretary
Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL