



3-10-2018 Minutes for RGVARC

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Cobos at 1310.

Regular Business:

A sign up sheet was passed out for roll call and each individual was asked to introduce themselves. Those present are as follows:

Rene Lopez, Jr. KF5KYL	Phil Watkins KE5GX
Joe Cobos KG5BPK	David Dunn KG5JCK
Steve Bluem KA9OMY	Joe Maney KK4TGK
Vince Tenorio KG5FEI	Joe Ashcom AC5DL
John Reed KG5EZZ	Dave Hanson K9ZVZ
David Waldrige WA5MMY	Chantel Flores KG5OCI
Juan Carlos Wong	

Minutes: Secretary Announced that the minutes for the January meeting were emailed out. He would be emailing them so as not to use too much paper. There were no minutes from February because we had our quarterly field day.

Finance Report: No report.

Riolink Report: Rene KF5KYL reported that the DMR system is up and running. The repeater is at McAllen Regional Hospital and maintained by Joe N5JLR and Javier KC5MOL. We are all welcome to use it. You can talk all over the state and worldwide.

He also reported that at the last meeting John KC5WBJ advised that the La Feria repeater 147.180 is in jeopardy of being removed because the tower is being taken down. We would need to start looking for another site.

Volunteer Examiner: Dave WA5MMY advised that there will be a testing session this coming Tuesday at 1800 hrs at the Mission Central Fire Station.

ARES Dist. 3 Report: No report.

Old Business:

Its was reported that our Quarterly Field Day was a success. We had about 30 club members attend. Thanks to Robert KG5OZB for reserving the park in Weslaco for us and John KC5WBG for bringing out his equipment. We made several DX contacts and Hams that had not done any HF had made contacts for the first time. We also held an exam and had one local ham upgrade his licences. We had a couple of interested walk ins that wanted to know about ham radio. The next field day should be at the end of April or early March before it gets too hot. Rene KF5KYL asked if maybe we could hold it in Brownsville or the Cameron County area in order to involve a few more guys from those ham clubs. He will contact Joe N5JLR and see what they can find. Stay tuned for more information about this. Either way we are hoping for the annual ARRL Field day held June 23-24 to be at our usual location at the Hidalgo Co. EOC in the Health Dept. in Edinburg. Eddie KF5UEZ will advise.

New Business:

John KG5EZZ stated that The All Hazard Conference is scheduled for this month on the 28th and 29th. The RGV ARC has a booth, courtesy of the Hidalgo County Health Dept. Himself along with Rene KF5KYL are scheduled to man it.. We will be showcasing our equipment and our abilities. Padini KG5LTY is making flyers to hand out at that booth. John also advise that with the help of James KF5TUU and Ed W5OE they have prepared a presentation to give at a breakout session. He would show the powerpoint at the end of the meeting. Anyone can attend just register on Eventbrite, it is free and if you can help at the booth please come by or just to visit.

Meeting adjourned at 1430.

Joe Cobos, V.P.

Rene Lopez,Jr. Secretary