



### **Minutes for 6-8-2019**

**Meeting opened at 1300.** By Secretary Rene Lopez, Jr.

**Roll call** sign-in-sheet was passed out. Welcomed new member Willard Younger KI5DXE

**Minutes:** There were no minutes from the last meeting.

**Finance Report:** We have approximately \$166.00

**Rio Link report:** So far all is up and running except for the La Feria repeater. The DMR and D-star repeaters are also running good. For those that have a GMRS license the repeater was replaced but still the same frequency of 462.625 + code: 82.5

**VEC Report:** Dave Waldrige WA5MMY informed us that we have a tester scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday in June.

**District 3 ARES:** Rene Lopez, Jr KF5KYL all is well with the check ins and we had a good time at the Hurricane Expo at La Plaza Mall where we discussed Amateur Radio's role in a disaster. Eddie Oivarez KFUEZ will be speaking at the Starr County Emergency Preparedness conference in Rio Grande City. All are invited to attend.

**Website Report:** RGVARC.org is our website and a good source of information. Members are urged to check it periodically for updated information on events. Membership dues and donations can be done on the website utilizing PayPal.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Saturday Breakfast is still at El Mana Restaurant in Pharr. If anyone want to try another location please bring it up to the club.

Bill KG5SK reported that he made contact with the Boy Scout director at the RGV Boy Scout Council and he has information to become a merit badge counselor. This would require a background check another registration information. Contact him if you would like to help.

He also reported that there are some new hams that are having difficulties with the hobby. He proposed to pair them up with Elmers who specialize in certain aspects of ham radio. If you have an expertise with a certain radio, antenna, or anything else that could ease the new ham into the hobby please let him know so he can create a list to give the new ham. See attached letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don't forget National Field Day on Feb. 22-23. The RGV ARC will be at the Hidalgo County EOC located in the Hidalgo County Health Dept.. North Hwy 281 exit Freddy Gonzalez Dr. in Edinburg.

Meeting adjourned at 1400.

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President  
Eddie Olivarez, K5UEZ

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Secretary  
Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL