



"Having Fun with Amateur Radio"

MINUTES 6-9-18

Meeting opened with quorum at 1:15 pm. see attached roster.

President Eddie Olivarez KF5UEZ thanked all in the room for attending and started with our club motto "Having Fun with Amateur Radio".

Regular Business:

*Minutes from the last meeting were emailed out.

*Treasurer Ed W5OE reported that we have about \$500 in our account and that we paid John KC5WBG \$95 for shipping the D-star repeater to Toby Driscoll N5SIM in Troy for repair. He also has the payment of \$75 for Padini KG5LTY for printing out our pamphlets. Eddie KF5UEZ advised that this years tax forms have been filed with the IRS.

*Rio Link report: The D-star repeater is currently down and is being sent for repair.

Other than that all is working well.

*Volunteer Examiner Report: Dave W5MMY stated that there will be a testing session this coming Tuesday 12th. We have 1 new tester and 1 upgrading.

*ARES Dist 3 report: Ed W5OE, Eddie KF5UEZ and Rene KF5KYL are currently working with Emergency Management Coordinators from our surrounding counties. Our ARES District 3 encompasses Hidalgo, Brooks, Starr, Zapata, and Jim Hogg counties. We have been asked about getting their local hams more involved with them. Currently Webb, Zapata, and Cameron Counties are inquiring. We will contact them and advise them of our club and give them some tips on how to get their organizations more active. We will be contacting hams from other counties as well.

We have a good relationship with all Hidalgo County EMCs and the Texas DPS State District Coordinator, our club is very much welcomed by them. Other clubs have had some issues and we wish to assist them. A reminder that it only takes one sour person to undo the relationship.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Eddie KF5UEZ stated that we've had lots of events this year and we have a few more:

Operation Lone Star in August is a Texas State Guard military health exercise and he would like to showcase our DMR capabilities with the cooperation of the DMR repeaters operated by the group in Brownsville. They are invited to show their equipment and set up a small demonstration. This should not take more than a couple of hours. Stay tuned for details.



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We have been invited by the National Weather Service to participate at their event at Brownsville in October. More details are coming at a later time.

Reminder of field day on the 23rd at the Hidalgo County EOC in Edinburg. North on 281, exit on Freddy Gonzalez Dr. then stay on the frontage for a few blocks. The Hidalgo County Health Department is the building on the right. We'll start at 9 am. Bring your radios and equipment and let's have fun.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Thomas Cantu from the American Legion Post in Mission attended to obtain information on our club and offered his services. He would be in touch to see if our services were needed for their events.

The idea of a fundraiser was brought up by Bill Fogel KE5KWE about sending donation request to corporations. President Eddie KF5UEZ will get together with him to discuss details. Any idea for a fundraiser is welcomed by the club.

Adjourned at 2:00 pm