



Minutes for 8-11-2018

Meeting was called to order at 1310 By Vice President Joe Cobos KG5BPK

Roll call was taken. See attached list for attendees.

Minutes will be emailed out. Treasurer's Report: \$398.01

RioLink Report: ED Warwas W5OE reported that all so far seems well with our system except for the Olmito Repeater which does not receive. John Beardan KC5WBG has looked at it but is still unable to repair it. He will keep us informed. D-Star is working fine as is the DMR system.

Volunteer Examiner Report: Dave Waldrige WA5MMY stated we have no one testing this coming Tuesday. Contact him in order to set up a testing session: wa5mmy@arrl.net.

ARES Dist 3 Coordinator report: Do not forget we have the stated wide ARES HF net on Mondays on 3.873 at 1930 hrs. and please check in with ED W5OE to get the order of check in. ED W5OE wants to try this order to cut down on doubling and blocking each other to contact net control. Reminded everyone that we also have the Thursday night ARES District 3 net check in at 1930 hrs.

#### **Old Business:**

We had no field day this summer due a storm that hit the area. The Hidalgo County EOC where we have our field day was in use.

Rene Lopez,Jr KF5KYL stated that we kind of had a mini field day at that location when we set up for Operation Lone Star on July 25th. We only operated for about 4 hours.

#### **New Business:**

Rene KF5KYL was asked to reserve the Ray Landry Fireman's Park in Mission for field day in October. Rene KF5KYL will advise the club.

Rene KF5KYL also gave a report on his trip to the Austin Ham Summerfest. There were several topics that a ham could sit in and ask questions. Topics ranging from ARES to Satellite contacts. Plus they had a nice vendor and swapmeet area. This is the ARRL South Texas Convention. The new South Texas Manager, Paul Gilbert KE5ZW was introduced and the keynote speaker was ED Hare W1RFI, Lab Manager for the ARRL. Recommended that if you can attend one of these conferences please do so.

Rene KF5KYL also noted that we have a Zello channel, (Hidalgo County Ares). Its a free app on your phone for quick contacts and if you need help contact him.

Meeting Adjourned at 1400 hrs.

RGV ARC meeting for 8-11-18 Attendees:

VP, Joe Cobos KG5BPK

Secretary, Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL

Treasurer, Ed Warwas, W5OE

Dave Waldrige WA5MMY

David Ault, KZ5DNA

Vince Tenorio, KG5FEI

John Reed, KG5EZZ

Sandra Kalman, AG5QJ

Joe Ashcom. AG5DL

Mac Shirley, AG5PU

James Garcia KF5TUU