



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Panorama Estates Apartment Building-Community Room, Richland Center, on Monday, August 12, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Mike Kaufman.

The following members attended the meeting in person: Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI), Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Casey Marshall and Earl Streeter (KD9YCCQ).

Members on Zoom: Keith Johnson (KC9ZZW), Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Daniel Brown (WX9E), Brian Guillot (KJ6UYV), Les Hyland (WA9USV) and Larry Stephen (KD9UFQ).

Visitors: In-Person—N9DMT Jake Barbieur and Yuki Matsui (Japanese visitor with the Kaufman family)

The Minutes of the 07/08/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Chris Kanable, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The current checking account balance is \$3,472.05. This report was approved on motion of Jeff Williams, seconded by Earl Streeter. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for September will be as follows: September 1 – Ralph Hendrickson, September 8 – Earl Streeter, September 15 – Chris Kanable, September 22 – Jeff Williams, September 29 – Chris Kanable.

Discussion Items:

Jeff Williams discussed last year's Cub Scout event, Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and this year. Last year, the Cub Scout leader, Justin Sommerfeld (KD9EFN) from Spring Green asked our Club to participate in the October JOTA event. Only a few Scouts participated, and they showed little interest in what was being presented. The Club has not been contacted this year for any participation in the event. Jeff was trying to get contact information for Justin as we only have his name, call sign and address (found on the FCC amateur radio internet site). Chris Kanable was going to look for an e-mail address that may have shown when Justin originally contacted the Club through its website.

The Richland County Fair (September 6, 7, 8) was discussed whether to have the Club's trailer at the fairgrounds or not. Voting by in-person members and ZOOM members was approved to do this. An e-mail notice will be sent to all members asking if they want to participate and what days/hours they will be there. All replies need to be e-mailed to Chris Kanable (chris.kanable@gmail.com) and Linda Kaufman (captmick@mwt.net). At the meeting, the following members mentioned their availability as follows:

Jeff Williams (Friday and Saturday – 2 hours each)
Ralph Hendrickson (limited time--busy with other fair activities)
Chris Kanable (attempting to be available 8 a.m. to 10 p. m.) for weather/emergency monitoring
Ray Gill (Saturday – all day; Sunday 9-12)
Brian Guillot (Friday 5-9 p.m.)
Les Hyland (Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

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Ralph Hendrickson talked about the Vernon County Fair (September 13-15) and parking cars for Saturday only from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any volunteers should contact Ralph at rhendric@mwt.net for your availability of hours.

Open Discussion:

Chris Kanable talked about ARES/RACES. He has had some conversations with the EMS Director who seems favorable toward the Club and would like to incorporate an area for the group in their new location near Krouskop Park. Unfortunately, the EMS/County has limited funds for such improvements. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would need to be reviewed before the Club would consider any financial involvement if we would be allowed to have space in their building. Not all Club members are ARES/RACES members, so there may be restrictions on entrance to the building to some persons.

The Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will have their annual swapfest on August 24, 2024, from 8 a.m. until noon. VE testing is also available at the event. Some nice door prizes are given out each year at their event.

There was a gentleman looking for a 6 BTV Hustler antenna, and the Club has a used one, which could be sold, as it is not being used. Motion to sell the antenna for \$150.00 was made by Linda Kaufman, seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Ralph Hendrickson, seconded by Rodney Arneson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman