



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center on Monday, February 12, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President, Phil Wallace.

The following members attended the meeting in person: Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Casey Marshall (not licensed), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF) and Daniel Brown (WX9E).

Members on Zoom: David Schoettler (W1MOZ), Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Les Hyland (KA9USV), and Adam Rastall (KC9MRV).

Recognized visitors: Justin Sommerfeldt (KD9EFN). Justin came to express appreciation for the Club's participation in the Cub Scouts Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) event.

We want to **WELCOME** Daniel Brown (WX9E) into our Club as a new member.

The Minutes of the 01/08/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Jeff Williams, seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report given by Ralph Hendrickson had a current balance of \$2,945.35. This report was approved on motion of Rodney Arneson, seconded by Chris Kanable. Motion carried.

Phil Wallace made an announcement that he applied for grant money for the Club from the local United Givers Fund. The Club was awarded \$1,000.00 toward the Club's weather spotting and weather camera projects. Thank you, Phil, for your time and effort to get this funding. The Secretary was requested to send a letter to show the Club's appreciation to the United Givers Fund (to the attention of Jennie Marroquin).

The Net Control Operators for March will be as follows: 3rd-Earl Streeter, 10th-Linda Kaufman, 17th-Ralph Hendrickson, 24th-Jeff Williams, and 31st-Phil Wallace.

Discussion Items:

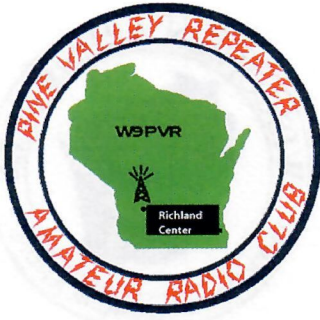
Club's sandwich boards (information/advertising) – billing update (KC9QQQ) – no further update (will not attempt any further contact with Hynek Printing on this billing).

Training/presentations/2024 goals: D-Star and the Weather Camera usage seemed to be topics that members would like to learn more about in the Club.

Classes/testing for amateur radio licensing: Daniel Brown gave information about on-line (like ZOOM) testing available with which he is certified as a volunteer examiner. This makes the testing more available with days and times and without travel time or cost. The issuance of new licenses is much quicker with this system.

Field Day planning: Chris Kanable expressed the need of a volunteer coordinator for the Field Day event. Jeff Williams has agreed to assume this responsibility for one more year. Ray Gill will be an Assistant Coordinator but cannot be at the actual event due to a conflict with his schedule. Phil Wallace has also expressed his willingness

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to assist with the duties of coordinating the event. It was noted that there needs to be a specific schedule of radio operators and equipment to be used at the event.

Sky Warn Weather Spotting Training (Vernon County/Viroqua closest location): This year's training session is a direct conflict with our Club's March meeting date (March 11th). It was decided NOT to change the Club's March meeting date as most members at the meeting had attended the training in Richland Center last year, and re-certification of the training only needs to occur every 2 years. There may be other options announced later to include some virtual sessions.

Further discussion on trailer equipment/inventory and training: Club members—Jeff Williams, Ralph Hendrickson, Phil Wallace, and Chris Kanable—are already familiar with the operation of the trailer and its equipment, Jeff Williams wants to schedule ½ day for training (can be morning or afternoon) in April or May for other Club members to become familiar with the equipment as well. Jeff would like all interested Club members to respond to the Secretary by e-mail (captmick@mwt.net) and note which weekend dates and times in April and/or May that each person prefers. The information will be accumulated and forwarded to Jeff to determine a final schedule of which date/time will be the best from the recommendations.

*By-Laws need to be updated to reflect the current membership fee of \$25. The copy of the By-Laws dated April 19, 2022, needs to be updated for the membership fee. A copy of the amended By-Laws must be sent to every Club member a minimum of 30 days prior to voting for the amendment. It was set by the Secretary that this matter will be voted on at the April 8, 2024, meeting. It was approved on motion of Phil Wallace and seconded by Ralph Hendrickson to amend the By-Laws as noted, have the Secretary send a copy to every member a minimum of 30 days prior to the April meeting where the item will be voted on for ratification. Motion carried.

Ralph Hendrickson noted that there will be a hamfest/swapfest in Onalaska on March 2nd. Chris Kanable discussed the possibility of a hamfest occurring in Lancaster later this year (no other details available at this time).

Several members gave their ideas on basic communication equipment. It was thought that a 2-meter, 440 radio is a good radio to begin communication with. There was also mention of 1) QRZ free radios to newly licensed hams, 2) Droid D-Star app, and 3) RT Systems repeater input. The point stressed is that the antenna is still the key to better communications.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. was made by Jeff Williams, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

*Please note that I made an error on the By-Laws amendment as it had already been done last year and approved on April 18, 2023 (\$25 membership fee is shown correctly). I am sorry for my mistake that I did look at the 2022 copy of the By-Laws instead of the 2023 copy. This item will NOT need to be voted on at a meeting.

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