



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

The January 8, 2024, monthly meeting of the W9PVR Amateur Radio Club was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center.

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

The following members attended in person: Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Ray Gill (WX4RAY), and Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF).

Members on ZOOM included David Schoettler (W1MOZ), Les Hyland (KA9USV), Brian Guillot KJ6UYV, and Adam Rastall (KC9MRV).

Visitors in person: Dan Brewer (KC9HHG) and Bodie Petersen (not licensed).

Dan Brewer (KC9HHG) placed his membership with our Club tonight. Welcome bank, Dan!

The minutes of the 12/11/2023 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Jeff Williams, seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The Club has a current bank balance of \$2,870.22. Motion to approve the report as given was made by Chris Kanable, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for the month of February will be as follows:

February 4: Earl Streeter; February 11: Ralph Hendrickson; February 18: Jeff Williams; February 25: Phil Wallace.

Club's sandwich board update on billing from Hynek Printing--no new information is available.

Chris Kanable discussed the topic of goals for the Club in 2024. Field Day planning and proficiency are important for a successful event along with the trailer and the equipment usage. In order to do this, several factors need to be considered such as a Field Day Coordinator. Ray Gill would have been willing to do this, but he has a conflict with the event days due to another commitment. Other factors would be to have the repairs/cleaning done on the trailer, radios and antennas tested at least once prior to event, updating the manual in the trailer, and training on the use of the trailer and its contents to multiple Club members. April is considered the best month to have the trailer training (after winter and before the severe storm season).

Jeff Williams had discussed the importance of training other Club members on the equipment in the trailer in the prior meeting and repeated it again at this time due to its importance in having successful communication. There is a lot of excess stuff in the trailer, which needs to be removed, as well as at other locations. Since the Club's move from the Richland County Courthouse, there has not been a suitable place to house all of the inventory. Possibly, a storage unit or storage container can be obtained depending on the cost, availability, and accessible location.

It was pointed out that time for presentations and other applicable information should/could be set aside as part of the meeting time instead of before or after the meeting. The Club used to have such presentations by those who



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would share knowledge, information, and hands-on-experience as part of the meeting. Other clubs also allow time for this training to be part of their meetings.

It was discussed that Club members should bring their ideas on what they would like to see in the presentations to the February meeting. Possible items that could be presented would be 1) D-Star radios/system, 2) Packet Radio, 3) Software Defined Radios (SDR) possibly more attractive to younger persons, and 4) cables, connectors.

Chris Kanable is going to talk with John Heinen (Interim Emergency Management Coordinator) about updating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ARES/RACES Club members' information to include certifications achieved by each such as ICS-100 and ICS-700 and more. Quite some time ago, the Club members were asked to do this by submitting a completed form and a photo to the Richland County Emergency Management Department. At that time, id badges were to be issued for qualifying Club members. Badges were never issued, the person in charge of collecting the information for their department left to take a job elsewhere, and nothing went forward after that. When a new form is available and given to Chris Kanable, he will then have me forward the form and information to Club members. The former person in charge of gathering the information from the Club members said that it should only be sent on the secure site of the County and not to someone personally, so I assume that will be the same in the future.

Ray Gill is still working on updating the Club's website, so please send your comments or questions to him or if you have trouble signing into the website either with a past sign-in used or to establish a new sign-in, please e-mail Ray at rgill@eacomp.com.

Phil Wallace applied for a grant from the United Givers Fund after he talked with members of that group and explained what had transpired in the past with their grant money being used for miscellaneous things besides a computer upgrade as was originally stated. They deemed it acceptable since the Club's purpose is to help the local community. Recipients of the various grants from the United Givers Fund will be announced later.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. was made by Ray Gill, seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kaufman KC9HHF

Next monthly meeting is Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Galaxie Skate Center.

Reminder: 2024 Dues (\$25 per person) are due now.

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