



## Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

### MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center on Monday, March 11, 2024.

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

The following members attended the meeting in person: Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF) and Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI).

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

Recognized visitors: Larry Stephen (KD9UFQ)

The Minutes of the 02/12/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Jeff Williams. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report given by Ralph Hendrickson had a current balance of \$4095.50. This report was approved on motion of Chris Kanable, seconded by Rodney Arneson. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for April will be as follows: April 7-Jeff Williams; April 14-Chris Kanable; April 21-Ralph Hendrickson; April 28-Jeff Williams. (Change--March 31<sup>st</sup> net control operator will be Earl Streeter)

Discussion Items:

Club's sandwich boards (information/advertising) – billing update (KC9QQQ) – Phil Wallace will follow up on this.

Chris Kanable did a presentation on ARES/RACES and Skywarn noting the guidelines for them. NIMS forms 100 and 700 are required for participation in the ARES/RACES group. Skywarn requires attendance at a presentation every two years. Those persons who are interested in being a part of ARES/RACES and/or Skywarn need to contact Chris Kanable to discuss your participation and provide documentation as required. Frequencies in storm spotting are 146.91 (146.310 offset and tone squelch of 131.8). The La Crosse National Weather service has a 10-point map to identify areas of Richland County. Chris will send power point presentation to Ray Gill, so that he can post it on the W9PVR website. Those persons who expressed interest in participating in this type of activity at the meeting were as follows: Jeff Williams, Ralph Hendrickson, Mike Kaufman, Adam Rastall, Rodney Arneson, Ray Gill, Phil Wallace, and Earl Streeter.

Linda Kaufman spoke of possible insurance issues with Club members during weather spotting activities. There seems to be a variety of answers when asking different insurance companies how they view a claim if one were to occur while storm spotting on a volunteer basis. Most companies said that it would not be covered if a person "puts themselves in knowingly harm's way." Some companies were hesitant about a direct answer, but they did say that the claim would be reviewed before possible approval. The bottom line is 1) ask your insurance company for an answer on your specific policy, 2) do not endanger yourself in any way and 3) consider storm spotting from your home. We have enough members living in various locations to give reports on rain, hail and wind (anemometer reading).

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Chris Kanable spoke of his interest in re-establishing the Echolink node, which is sporadically used, along with the Allstar system for our repeater. The Baraboo group has Allstar and Echolink running. David Schoettler runs the Allstar node from his ham shack.

The topic of Club shirts for members was discussed. Some members have them already, but some of the newer members do not. There are different kinds of shirts available—the current ones are blue in color with short sleeves, and a pocket. There are some available with heavier material and some jackets are available, too. Ralph's wife did the customer embroidery work (logo and call sign) on the existing shirts.

There was no further discussion of the Club dues, as the members, who wish to continue their membership in the Club, have paid their dues. The other persons have decided not to renew their memberships.

Mike Kaufman expressed his interest in pursuing an operating location for the Club where equipment could be kept and used when necessary. It seems like purchasing a small building to put on the City of Richland Center property (if allowed) would not be feasible due to the cost of such building. In some states such as Florida, batteries are not allowed to be used for backup on solar panels, so there would need to be electricity in any building used for housing the radio equipment.

Adam Rastall announced that he is stepping down from his position as Member-at-Large due to personal reasons. It was decided to delay filling this position until the annual May election of officers.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. was made by Jeff Williams, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

Thank you to **ADAM RASTALL** for your past service in the Member-at-Large position.

Notes: April nominations for May election (Please ask the person of his/her willingness to serve in a Club position before nominating someone.).

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