



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center on Monday, May 13, 2024.

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

The following members attended the meeting in person: Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Casey Marshall, Daniel Brown, (WX9E), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Bob Walsh (KD9WWD), and Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI).

Members on Zoom: David Schoettler (W1MOZ), Les Hyland (KA9USV), Keith Johnson (KC9ZZW), Ray Gill (WX4RAY), and Adam Rastall (KC9MRV).

Recognized visitors: Daline Brown (was in person), Larry Stephen (KD9UFQ) was in person, and Joe Mayenschein (WB9SBD) was on Zoom.

We were happy to have Larry Stephen (KD9UFQ) join our Club as a new member tonight. **WELCOME!**

The Minutes of the 04/08/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Chris Kanable, seconded by Phil Wallace. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report (March/April) was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The current checking account balance is \$3,571.59. This report was approved on motion of Rodney Arneson, seconded by Daniel Brown. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for June will be as follows: June 2 (Linda Kaufman), June 9 (Chris Kanable), June 16 (Jeff Williams), June 23 (Ralph Hendrickson), and June 30 (Linda Kaufman).

Discussion Items:

The June 10, 2024, Club meeting will not be able to meet at the Galaxie Skate Center as Phil Wallace will not be available to host the meeting. Mike Kaufman said the meeting can be held at the Richland Airport Terminal Building in Sextonville.

Jeff Williams said that 3 stations will be designated to operate at the Field Day event—1) the trailer, 2) outside of Jeff's van, and 3) Ralph (FT-8). The ARRL has the pin drop location for the location. Chris will place banners near the Airport entrance to advise the public of the Field Day event. Jeff will contact the Richland Observer and Phil will contact WRCO for advertising the event.

Mike Kaufman mentioned the possibility of having a remote base at the repeater site. The base station would share the repeater; the building is strong, and electricity is there. There are ample VHF/UHF antennas, and an HF antenna could be tested there, too. Mike has a radio (UHF/VHF/HF) to test this, and it was deemed worthwhile to try the equipment and see what the results would be.

The Member Information Forms are still being accepted by the Club Secretary for her files and for Chris Kanable's ARES/RACES accumulation of information. If you are not able to complete the form on-line and e-mail to the Secretary, please contact the Secretary for a paper form.

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Mention was made of a possible workday at the repeater site for the Sunday afternoon directly following Field Day, but that was not deemed to be a very good option. Plans for a different workday will be looked at again in the future. The Richland Electric Cooperative needs a 24-hour advance notice before any climbing can be done on the tower.

Daniel Brown demonstrated an Amcrest Camera (TP-Link 2.4 GHz). Daniel also does mapping of towers and antennas with his drone.

Chris Kanable commented on Echo Link. It seems that these units are being taken down but Baraboo is still using theirs. Nothing has been done with the AllStar system to make it operational.

Chris Kanable suggested a Go-Box for the trailer—signal link, laptop computer, Packet-Capable Radio (5100), and a power supply.

Ray Gill mentioned that events previously on the website were removed during his restructuring the site, and events that you would like to put on the calendar, you can send the information to Ray at his new e-mail address as follows: ray.j.gill@outlook.com.

On motion of Ralph Hendrickson, seconded by Phil Wallace, Mike Kaufman and Linda Kaufman were unanimously re-elected to their respective President and Secretary positions for the next 2 years.

The Board of Directors had to fill the remaining year of a Member-at-Large position, and Phil Wallace made the motion to appoint Ray Gill to this position. This motion was seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Ray. Thanks to Ray for his willingness to serve in this position for one year.

Ralph Hendrickson provided information about an upcoming hamfest on June 15th, at the Stoddard, Wisconsin Legion Hall.

It was noted that Dave Owen of Vernon County, said 2-meter VARA packets (AX-1200 baud) are being used—nothing higher. Point-to-point and Simplex are okay. The WinLink network has peer-to-peer; Viroqua has a WinLink node. WT9M has a packet node—not a gateway.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. was made by Daniel Brown, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

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