



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center, on Monday, October 14, 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), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF), Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Bob Walsh (KD9WWD), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ) and Daniel Brown (WX9E).

Visitor on Zoom: Jake Barbieur (N9DMT).

The Minutes of the 08/12/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Ralph Hendrickson, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried. (There was no September meeting.)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The current checking account balance is \$3,622.35. This report was approved on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Linda Kaufman. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for October are as follows: October 6-Phil Wallace, October 13-Jeff Williams, October 20-Ralph Hendrickson, October 27-Chris Kanable; November 3-Phil Wallace, November 10-Jeff Williams (alternate Phil Wallace), November 17-Ralph Hendrickson, and November 24-Chris Kanable.

Discussion Items: None.

Open Discussion:

Brandon Schleicher has expressed an interest to Chris Kanable about joining our amateur radio club, learning more about ham radio and getting licensed. The Secretary will send an e-mail to Brandon regarding membership and resources to obtain a license.

The Hidden Valley Amateur Club in Lancaster is hosting a hamfest (freebie fest) this Saturday morning at the Lancaster Fairgrounds. Free admission, free parking, etc. Ray Gill will have a table to sell items there, and he will talk to people attending the event to see if there is interest in a beam antenna that our Club has. The antenna has not been used for quite some time. Ray will start with an asking price of \$500; the Club hopes to get at least \$300 for it. If Ray gets any interested parties, he will give the information to the Club for a decision on whether to sell it for the amount offered (if there is an offer).

Chris Kanable brought up the topic of incorporating presentations into our Club meetings whereby topics of interest could be given by someone knowledgeable in a particular topic or by bringing together ideas and information to share with Club members. It was thought that the Club meetings could be part business at the beginning of the meetings and the other part of the meetings could be for teaching, learning and sharing. It was decided that at the November meeting, members can bring forth ideas on items of interest. Both from tonight's meeting and in looking back for the past year from other Club meetings, the following topics were of interest to members: radios (selection--price, functionality), D-Star system and D-Star radios, Packet Radio, Software Defined Radio (SDR), cables, connectors and antennas.

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Chris Kanable asked the Club to consider getting the Allstar and Echolink systems running again on our Club's equipment. It was decided to have Daniel Brown purchase (and then be reimbursed) for an RPT V2 Clear Node at an approximate cost of \$395.00 plus shipping, taxes. Daniel Brown and Jake Barbieur are willing to work on this project to integrate with the Linux system. This was approved on motion of Chris Kanable, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

It was decided to have our Christmas Holiday Party in conjunction with the December monthly meeting (December 9th) at the Galaxie Skate Center hosted by Phil Wallace. The doors will be open starting at 5:00 p.m. for our social time; pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m. Soft drinks will also be available. The regular meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

Notes:

Next monthly meeting: November 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. (Galaxie Skate Center).

Christmas Holiday Party: December 9, 2024 (Galaxie Skate Center) – social time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; pizza served at 6:00 p.m.; regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Please let the Secretary know who plans to attend the Christmas Party to give an approximate count to Phil for the preparation of the pizzas.)