



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

MINUTES

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center, on Monday, November 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: Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Laurence Stephen (KD9UFQ), Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI), Jake Barbieur (N9DMT), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Casey Marshall, and Daniel Brown (WX9E).

Jake Barbieur (N9DMT) was formally recognized as a new member. WELCOME, JAKE!

Members on ZOOM: Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Les Hyland (KA9USV), and Adam Rastall (KC9MRV).

Visitors: None.

The Minutes of the 10/14/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Laurence Stephen. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The current checking account balance is \$3,497.51. This report was approved on motion of Chris Kanable, seconded by Jeff Williams. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for December are as follows: December 1-Phil Wallace, 8-Ralph Hendrickson, 15-Jeff Williams, 22-Chris Kanable, and 29-Earl Streeter.

The New Years Eve net will have Jeff Williams as the 7:00 p.m. net control operator, and Chris Kanable as the Midnight (12:00) net control operator to bring in the New Year.

Discussion Items:

Chris Kanable commented on the recent ARES/RACES conference, which he attended on November 2nd. There were several speakers regarding event coordination, ICS public safety forms, etc. No possible way to get AUxCom done in our part of Wisconsin (Casey Marshall commented that this was similar to Tactical Dispatch). Dave Owens (N9TUU) received the Emergency Coordinator Leadership Award. Chris also mentioned that Steve Palmer, LaFarge Police Chief, is a licensed amateur radio operator now, and he is hoping to get an amateur radio for the squad car.

Chris Kanable spoke about the Skywarn Recognition Day in La Crosse on December 7th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location address is N2788 County Road FA in La Crosse. The Mississippi Valley group usually has their bus on display there.

The 2025 Field Day Event was discussed with regard to Joe Mayenschein's (WB9SBD) invitation for our Club to be included in a group event in Columbia County (Owen Park) with the Yellow Thunder Club, the Juneau Club, and the Watertown Club. There may not be a site to hold the Field Day Event in Richland County anyway for

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2025, so a motion was made by Chris Kanable, seconded by Ray Gill to be a part of the combined group. Motion carried.

A reminder that the Club membership dues (\$25.00 each) are being collected now for the 2025 year. Please bring your member dues to the December meeting or send a check to Ralph Hendrickson at S6509 County Road J, Viroqua, WI 54665.

Open Discussion:

There was discussion about the ZOOM sessions for our Club meeting. Mike Kaufman will continue to provide the access to ZOOM at no charge.

The topic of incorporating presentations into our Club meetings was further discussed from our previous month's meeting with specific topics of interest as follows: radios (selection--price, functionality), D-Star system and D-Star radios, Packet Radio, Software Defined Radio (SDR), cables, connectors and antennas. Mike Kaufman has a video (about 40 minutes) from a presenter about weather, which he plans to present in March. Mike also mentioned that he could talk about the D-Star system in January (may have to be in February).

Jeff Williams mentioned that the Knights of Columbus organization want to form a group to assist the Emergency Management team when/if needed in the future. Jeff will get more information about this as to 1) specifically what they plan to do, and 2) how to organize this group, etc.

It was noted that the D-Star system and camera are running fine on the Tower Hill site. Daniel Brown and Jake Barbieur will work on getting the All-Star Link operational.

There was a QSL card sent to the Club, which Ralph Hendrickson will respond to the sender, regarding a contact by one of the Cub Scouts during the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) with the Club last year.

We discussed the 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. Please contact the secretary if you plan to attend, so that we can get an approximate number of attendees for Phil's preparation of the food. At the Club meeting, there were approximately 10 persons planning to attend..

Ray Gill also mentioned that there is a SANTA NET nightly at 7:00 p.m. central time from Thanksgiving to Christmas on 3.916 MHz.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Jeff Williams, seconded by Phil Wallace. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

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