



## **Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR**

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### **MINUTES**

The W9PVR monthly meeting was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center, on Monday, December 9, 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), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI), Casey Marshall, Bob Walsh (KD9WWD), Adam Rastall (KC9MRV), and Daniel Brown (WX9E).

Members on ZOOM: Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Les Hyland (KA9USV), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), and Laurence Stephen (KD9UFQ).

Visitors: Yuki Matsui (Japan), David Owen (N9TUU), Melody Owen (N9ZWZ), and Ashli Marshall.

The Minutes of the 11/11/2024 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was not available. It was noted by Daniel Brown that a Treasurer's Report is NOT to be voted on at a meeting. The following is wording from the internet that substantiates this information:

According to standard parliamentary procedure, a treasurer's report should not be formally "approved" in a meeting; instead, it should be considered "received for filing" or "noted" as it is primarily informational.

The Net Control Operators for January are as follows; January 5-Phil Wallace, January 12-Chris Kanable, January 19-Jeff Williams, and January 26-Earl Streeter.

2025 Club dues (\$25 per person) are due now. Please send your check to Ralph Hendrickson, Treasurer.

Open Discussion:

David Owen gave some information on the Ares/Races Southwest District Rapid Response Team, which they are establishing for tasks. This would be another resource to use in emergency situations to set up a workstation, radios, and links. They are considered an organization—not a club. Chris Kanable and Adam Rastall are members along with Dave. Of the counties involved, there are not many members.

Daniel Brown reported that the camera is not working remotely.

Casey Marshall (Richland County Sheriff's Department) reported on high-performance drones, which many of them require amateur radio licenses to operate. The local contacts for drone operators are Casey from the Sheriff's Department and Cole Muth, affiliated with the Richland Center Fire Department. There are practice sessions held for group drone operation. Adam Rastall is a member and pilot with the La Farge drone team. Drones can be very important in locating a missing person.

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Mike Kaufman and Len Krier (N9QIP) will work on getting a proposal together to present to the National Weather Service for implementation of D-Star radios used for storm spotters. The Wisconsin Interstate Network (WIN) has offered to supply and install a D-Star repeater and antenna feed line for the National Weather Service in La Crosse. Reflector 19 (W) may be a consideration for usage.

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 plans to talk about the D-Star system in February. Further presentations can be scheduled during the year. Jeff Williams is willing to train people on node-to-node packet usage (not internet-based). Adam Rastall showed a 900 MHz packet device that allows for data transmissions. as on mesh packet where no cell service is needed. He is willing to give a presentation to the Club members in the future when more information is available.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kaufman

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