

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - 1 May 1999

The meeting called to order 10:05 PDT in the Officers Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance:	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP	Tom Trischan, N6AVB
	C.K. Jackson, W6KNO	Dan Jackson, KL7IUX
	Mary Pat Moore, KF6IQR	Ben Moore, Guest
	Owen Myers	Vern Orme, AA6YE
	Richard Secondari, K6TR	Dave Jackson, KC6SSF

The April meeting minutes were briefly reviewed, discussed, and accepted as edited by email comment.

Owen Myers presented a report on the April 21 trip to the mothball fleet. The FT-106 radio aboard the *Earlham Victory* was partially disassembled in preparation for removal. For future trips, call ahead to have a “skip” available on the ship. This can be loaded with gear and materials which will be brought ashore by MARAD the next day. All materials removed from the fleet must be logged.

Bill Jackson will be heading up a trip to the Lane Victory. Anyone who wants to go should contact him for information.

Discussion of the Ham station location centered around cabins on the same deck as the radio room. Access for antenna leads and power were the major concerns. Comparisons were made to the *Lane Victory* and the *J. O'Brien*

By general consensus the first priority should be setting up a HF transceiver, followed by a 2 meter unit. The suggested antenna is a multi-band vertical, this has the advantage over wire based antennas of not being in the way while re-rigging of the ship continues.

Mary Pat(KF6IQR) offered her HF transceiver(Kenwood TS 430) on loan for the ship's station.

David (KC6SSF) and Mary Pat(KF6IQR) will look into a portable “station in a box” setup.

Gary (WA6KCP) will look into getting a vertical - hopefully donated.

Gary suggested that the club show special recondition of early ROVARC members. These charter members (those joining within the first six months) would be recognized as “plank owners” (or words to that effect to be agreed upon later). This suggestion was accepted by general consent.

Jack (W6KNO) presented the Treasurers report: An account was opened at the Mechanics Bank and \$242.00 were deposited.

The club radio license was approved, Call- KF6VMZ.

The office of the California Secretary. of State has approved the incorporation of the ROVARC. Tax exempt status is still under review.

Revised “Constitution - Bylaws of the Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club, Inc.” dated 27 April 1999 were presented by the Treasurer. These revisions were reviewed and discussed. Most notably these included the addition of the position of Second Vice President. A motion to accept the revised “Bylaws” was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

The next meeting of the ROVARC was set for 10:00 AM PDT on June 5, 1999 in the Officers Mess.

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Just prior to adjournment, Captain Ben Moore relayed that none of the upper deck cabins would be available for a permanent Ham station. However, secure storage space in addition to the Radio room and Radio officers quarters should be available. Following the meeting a search for a storage space was prosecuted.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PDT.

Respectfully submitted: David Jackson, Secretary
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