

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2000

The meeting called to order 10:12 PST in the Officers Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members(11):

Gary Elliott, WA6KCP	Robert Blohm, KE6ZWO
Josh Heide, KD6KML	Charles Jackson, W6KNO
Dave Jackson, KC6SSF	Ralph Leon, W6NGE
Vern Orme, K6VEO	Henry Primbsch, KK6PH
Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV	Tom Trischan, N6AVB
Ron Smith, KE6RS	

Guests(1): Roger Johnson (briefly)

The January meeting minutes were presented orally by Gary and they were accepted.

Briefly: Toni Dill has volunteered to prepare a Newsletter for the club. Jim Waite discussed a donation of Morse code keys.

Gary's question: What is the best way to designate on CW that he is operating from a ship at dock? (no good answer was available!)

There will be a trip to the reserve fleet on Tuesday Feb 8. Coordination was discussed. Only radio crew going this trip. Many ships will be off-limits.

N6AVB - Tom noted that a dual band (2 mtr/440) antenna has been mounted on the ship and the coaxial lead brought into the radio room.

Roger Johnson - 1. Noted that today's guests were a fund raiser for the ship, a car club. 2. Don't add any additional electrical loads to the ship's AC system. They have been having problems all week with low voltage, down to 95 volts. 3. The phone bill for the ship is showing 10,000 hours - they believe this is in error and are working with PacBell - could it be related to the low PG&E voltage? 4. Don Hardenson is the contact point for the ship's renovation/revision plan - talk to him about your needs and wants.

The design of club badges was discussed - Red on Green?

The purchase and design of ROVARC QSL cards was discussed.

The Oakland Tribune ran an article on Jan. 10 with a picture of the ship, "Portal to the Past" by William Brand. KC6SSF- reported that the ISDN lines are in service, the internet access for the ship is active, however the new email addresses for Roger are not yet active.

The format of the emailed meeting minutes and if they should be also mailed to everyone was discussed. The use of PDF was discussed and rejected, text versions will do for now. Hard copies to those without email.

WA6KCP Gary discussed the possibility of using the after ammunition hold for a radio room. This one has the benefit of easy access - at least after they cut a new doorway through a bulkhead...

KK6PH - Henry mentioned that upgrade classes are on-going and general tests will be given on April 10. April 13 is the last day for the old set of General Class questions.

KE6RS - Ron noted that Allonie(sp?) school of Hercules will be taking part in the annual School Club Roundup, Feb. 14 and 15.

W6KNO - 1. Jack requested action to modify the **club By-Laws so that they match the revised Articles of Incorporation**. It was so moved, seconded and Passed by voice vote. These changes were taken to solidify our non-

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profit status. To qualify for permanent non-profit incorp. status - 1/3 of income or more should be from donations. Currently the club has received about \$4000 in donations and \$250 in dues. **2. The bank account has approximately \$981.**

The proposed plan for **modification to the ship's transmitter** were handed out - a very good looking job too. Following a short review, **the plans were approved.**

W6KNO - Jack reported that more equipment had been donated and needed to be inventoried and appraised.

KC6SSF - David requested that the schedule of club meetings be established for the year. After much discussion it was agreed that: **ROVARC would meet on the first Saturday of each month, except when this conflicts with a major holiday then the meeting would be the second Saturday of the month. (For example: January, July and/or Sept.)**

The Museum Ships on the Air (by the USS Salem) for 2000 will be on July 15 and 16.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 PST

An application for membership was accepted from Ron Smith, KE6RS

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on March 4, 2000 in the Officers Mess.

Respectfully submitted: David Jackson, Secretary, Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club