

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2002

As reported by Peter Hoffman.

Begin Quote.

Attendance

Members(11): Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; Vern Orme, AA6YE; Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ; Ken DeBrecht, NB6NOV; Tom Trischan, N6AVB; Jim Waite, WA6EZJ; Gary Elliott, WA6KCP; John Larson, K6AUC; Larry Fitzsimons, AG6DZ, Capt. Jim Nolan; and Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am by Pres. Ken DeBrecht

John Larson, K6AUC, became a new member and paid his \$10 dues. He will fill out an application on line.

Gary Elliott spoke about next week's Museum Ships Special Event. There will be 5 Bay Area ships on the air that weekend including the Red Oak Victory, USS Potomac, Jeremiah O'Brien, Pampanito, and Lightship Relief. A long discussion ensued.

Larry Fitzsimons spoke about his research into what personnel are needed when the Red Oak gets underway. He's gotten some information from various sources but with great difficulty. However, he is making progress.

Larry Fitzsimons also found an online source for business cards at www.vistaprint.com. They will do a basic card in quantities of 300 for shipping costs. However, if we want the Red Oak logo on the card that will cost a bit more. We discussed and agreed upon a design pending approval by Lois Boyle (?). We also agreed to approve spending \$40 for the cards since Vista Print will charge a bit more for this somewhat custom order.

Gary Elliott donated \$10 and John Larson donated \$20 toward purchase of the business cards.

Larry has been working on the ship's original low freq. radio, identifying bad resistors and connections and fixing as needed.

Ken made an announcement about the memorial fund for Peggy Jackson.

We discussed the possibility of putting a computer in the radio room for logging and possibly connecting to the Internet. John Larson offered to donate a computer for this purpose.

It was noted by Gary Elliott that the Jeremiah O'Brien will be sailing to Sacramento over the Labor Day weekend and that he will attempt to schedule radio contact with them on the ham bands.

Captain Nolan will try and schedule a visit to one of the ships in the Ready Reserve Fleet. Our preferred date would be the first Saturday in October so that we could visit the ship in

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lieu of a regular meeting.

Capt. Nolan suggested that we try and contact radio host Carter B. Smith of station KABL and see if we can get him to make an announcement about the next week's Museum Ships Event. Peter Hoffman will try and get in touch with Mr. Smith and provide him with the information.

A long discussion was held on the need to get to work on installing the donated GMDSS equipment. Several people volunteered to draft a plan of action.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

End quote.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PDT on August 3, 2002 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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