

# Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am in the Officer's Mess of the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

### Attendance

#### Members(16):

Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV*	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP*
Vern Orme, AA6YE*	David Jackson, KC6SSF*
Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ	Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI	Larry Fitzsimons, KG6JID#
Jim Sadler, W6SFW	Captain Jim Nolan
Rich Secondari, K6TR	Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
Tom Trischan, N6AVB	Ralph Leon, W6NGE
George Larsen, WA6ETF	Charles Jackson, W6KNO*

#### Guests(1):

Bill Smith

\* Board members.

- After the meeting was called to order, introductions were done around the room.
- The meeting minutes for February were reviewed and approved.
- Ken reported that Ivan has created a list of tubes which are required by the club for the ship, and that these would be sent to the UC Berkeley Physics Lab.
- Captain Nolan reported that he had gear in his truck ready to come aboard and requested help after the meeting. This gear included marine radios, power supplies and manuals. Good job Captain.
- Additional discussion was held on the GMDSS and getting tested. Ken will get in touch with Dan Young, K6GOW, in San Francisco and try to schedule a test for late Sept. or October. The requirements for getting the GMDSS operator license was reviewed. All of the test questions are available for study, just like the amateur radio tests. W5YI has test study information available and W6KNO has some study materials from Texas. David will review the available materials and get the club library started. A vote was taken to approved spending club funds on test study materials and/or CDROMs.
- Captain Nolan offered to try to setup a cruise on one of the "Reduced Operations Status" ships in the Bay Area. this sounded like a great idea to the members present.
- Gary reminded everyone that the Museum Ship Special Event will be in July and he is trying to set up to get most of the seven museum ships in the area on the air. This may involve having some of our club members man the radios on the other ships, since not all the ships have radio clubs. The ships listed were: Red Oak Victory, Golden Bear, Lightship Relief, J. O'Brien, Pampanito, Hornet, and Potomac. The USCG Glacier was also mentioned.
- A sign up list for name badges was passed around.
- W6KNO mentioned that we need to get a "paragraph" ready for the quarterly "Mirror," Gary and Pete volunteered to prepare something. Also the search continues for a watertight hatch for the Sea Scout ship Farallon, this is owed due to an exchange for WT full size doors.
- Jack also noted that the club constitution and our tax exempt listing is as an educational club. Also, E-Script sign ups are available to raise funds for the club.
- March 17 there will be a party at the ship as a fund raiser and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

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Time is 4 to 7 pm and you need to RSVP to the Museum.

- It was noted that Henry Bier, WA6TNI, of Martinez was a silent key.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:15 AM PST.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on April 6, 2002 in the Officers Mess(if available and if the club still fits!).

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

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