

RGV ARC / ND5N
Meeting 12-12-2015

Meeting opened at 1300hrs by President Eddie Olivarez KF5UEZ

Attendance:

Eddie Olivarez KF5UEZ
Vince Tenorio KG5FEI
John Reed KG5EZZ
David Dunn KG5JCK
Rene Lopez, Jr. KF5KYL
Barry Bazzel KG5III
Ralph Foley KG5IIH
Paul Mahon WB5WOL
Joe Cobos KG5BPK
Alan Shannon KC0BUM
Elborn Hewett KA7MLM
Beverly Hewett N7WYK
Steven Bluem KA9OMY

Minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted.

Treasures Report: Last amount was about \$450. James KF5TUU and Ed W5OE are still working on obtaining a 501c3 charity status and that it may cost around \$450 to \$550. This is needed in order to obtain donations from corporations, applying for grants and receiving donated space for our repeaters and antennas. A motion was made by Dave KG5JCK and 2nd by Joe KG5BPK to prioritize the charity status.

The President stated he fielded a question from Dr, Wolweaver K5RAV about the APRS repeater being down. The President advises that it is down because it is in need of a new power supply and possibly a new antenna. It will be repaired as soon as the funds are available.

We haven't had real issues with the 145.230 repeater but if you talk too long the link to the 440.600 repeater will time out. You must rekey your mic in order to reset.

Volunteer Examiners committee report that there were no exams taken at the last session.

Winter Field day is February 13th if the Ray Landry's Fireman's Park. Mark your calendar.

The club voted on having an official shirt color. Rene KF5FYL advised the club that he could get someone to place our logo on a shirt for a cost of around \$10. It was voted that the official color be Kelly Green and that the T-shirt brand be Gildan. This would keep everyone uniformed when we have outings. It was also noted that if you do not prefer a t-shirt any shirt will do, but try to keep it Kelly Green. It was also preferred that you purchase your shirt and get it to Rene KF5KYL that way you can get the correct size and fit.

President Eddie KF5UEZ also spoke with FEMA regarding funding for a D-Star system. He advised that the FEMA region 6 director is looking into incorporating all of South Texas to its own reflector that would incorporate Corpus Christi, Larado and the Rio Grande Valley. Funding might be available for equipment and the local clubs would maintain it. This is still in the works and may take several months to obtain.

The President also added that David Waldrige WA5MMY has offered the club a ARES class in order for us learn how to perform emergency services and fill out forms correctly. In the mean time it is advised that all should take the ICS 100 and ICS 200 on the FEMA.gov website. There are others if they are wishing to take.

There will be an ARRL District Meeting in February 2016. Date is unknown. We'll give out that information when available.

Prayers are sent to Dick WB5TUG for a speedy recovery.

Also Thanked KIM K5QW for setting up our outing at Rudy's BBQ restaurant and thanked Dr. Woolweaver for the door prices.

January 16th is the date is set for the Rio Grande Valley Ham Fest at the Fun N Sun park in Harlingen.

For information on any event. We have a website, just Google Rio Grande Valley Amateur Radio Club, also subscribe to the Rio Grande Valley Hams Yahoo group.

Joe KG5BPK passed out club badges, thanks to James KF5TUU.

Meeting adjourned at 1420