

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
November 5, 2008

In the absence of club president Mr. Gene Kaiser, the meeting was chaired by Mr. Gary Sessums and was called to order at 12:06 pm.

The 13 club members in attendance were: Arnal Cook-N9ACC, Mike Bartos-KB3RES, Hugh Katz-K3HU, Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Jim Bennett-W9FW, Bob Hughes-K4YWV, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Doug Lindsey-KB3HER, Bruce Bryant-AB8CI, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Gene Harrison-N3EV, and John Miller-KE4JEM.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Katz to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 PARC meeting as published via e-mail to club members by club secretary Mr. Bob Lipp. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Donnell. Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Uldis Adamsons presented the mail that was retrieved from our club post office box. He stated that we received a past due notice of box rent due from the U.S. Postal Service in the amount of \$132.000. A large number of the letters received were QSL card requests. The status of our current QSL card program was discussed.

Mr. Uldis Adamsons and Mr. Hugh Katz gave an update on the proposed new rooftop radio tower and beam antenna. Negotiations are continuing with PENREN and should be completed prior to our club's move to a new radio room facility scheduled for May 2009.

Mr. Arnal Cook reported that he had made numerous contacts using the Kenwood TS940 radio but that it is now inoperative due to a blown fuse.

Our club trustee, Mr. Harry Rensel, has changed employers and as such we have lost our sponsor for PNT badges for club members that do not hold a Pentagon building pass. Talks are underway with other DoD agencies about the possibility of becoming our PNT badge sponsor.

It was noted that Mr. Tejis Daya had upgraded the current PARC computers with additional software including Open Office and the Adobe Acrobat reader. Mr. Gary Sessums previously installed an Ethernet switch and networked the computers together for file sharing. The procurement of a laser printer and additional computers is being pursued.

Mr. Rick Low has produced mailing labels from the 9/11 Special Event. The QSL cards are being printed and should be ready to mail out soon.

The status of the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club as an American Radio Relay League affiliated club was discussed. PARC is not currently an ARRL affiliated club. PARC can petition the ARRL for affiliation if 51% of our club members are licensed amateur radio operators and are also ARRL members.

Club members were reminded to check the Cypher lock on the door when leaving and securing the radio room. The door has a tendency to not close completely if not shut hard.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 3, 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.