

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
January 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser at 12:00 PM.

The 16 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Bruce Bryant-AB8CI, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Steve Hubin-KJ4BGV, Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Darrel Adams-KA5DWZ, Arnal Cook-N9ACC, Ross Merlin-WA2WDT, Hugh Katz-K3HU, John Miller-KE4JEM, Mike Bartos-KB3RES, Ken Roh-KB3OXX, Claude Hennessey-KG4TVN, and Paul Farrington.

The tour of our new radio room under construction in 5D1061A that was scheduled at the conclusion of today's club meeting was cancelled by PENREN. As it gets closer to the move-in date we may be able to re-schedule a tour of the new radio room for club members.

An updated copy of the club membership roster was distributed to members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Katz to approve both the November and December 2008 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Uldis Adamsons seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by a majority vote of club members present.

Dr. Gene Kaiser gave an update on the construction of the new radio room and passed around a photo depicting what the new furniture and shelving should look like when installed.

Dr. Kaiser also stated that he, Captain Rick Low, and Mr. Gary Sessums are scheduled to meet with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (OSD/NII) in late January to discuss the possibility of OSD assistance with procuring DoD funding sources for the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club.

Mr. Gary Sessums announced that he was successful in getting a new telephone line approved and installed in the PARC radio room. The phone number was given to members present. A Secure Telephone Equipment (STE), associated crypto card, and a Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) card have also been obtained for PARC use in supporting Federal agencies during a National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) event. A donation to the club of a phone patch device is being sought.

Mr. Sessums also stated that PARC and Arlington County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) would be conducting joint EmComm operations out of the PARC radio room during the presidential inauguration on Tuesday January 20th. Net operations will be conducted on amateur radio, MARS, and SHARES frequencies. Several club members volunteered to staff the radio room during this event.

PARC Webmaster Doug Donnell reported that he was checking into configuring Listserv type software on the K4AF domain to serve as an e-mail distribution list for club announcements as an alternative to listing all club members' e-mail addresses in the "To:" field of individual e-mails.

The possibility of starting a weekly K4AF club net on our UHF repeater was discussed. Suggestions for a net night and time as well as volunteers to serve as a net manager and net controls are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 12:00 PM in 5B272.