

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
March 4, 2009

In the absence of club president Dr. Gene Kaiser, the meeting was chaired by Mr. Gary Sessums and was called to order at 12:02 pm.

The 12 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Hugh Katz-K3HU, John Miller-KE4JEM, Claude Hennessey-KG4TVN, Ken Carpenter-KD6DBX, Troy Warshel-KG6MGE, Steve Hubin-KJ4BGV, Daryl Noel-W4EC, and Ken Roh-KB3OXX.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Kania to approve the February 2009 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Major Troy Warshel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

The Kenwood TS-940S transceiver that was described as inoperative in the November meeting minutes has been repaired and reinstalled in the radio room, thanks to the efforts of our club secretary, Mr. Bob Lipp. Captain Rick Low will be installing a MARS phone patch on this radio when he returns from TDY.

The DoD Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) InfoNet information kiosks located around the Pentagon now feature advertisements for the monthly PARC meeting. The ads are scheduled to run in rotation prior to our club meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

The new radio room telephone number will be published in the next hard copy version of the Department of Defense Telephone Directory and the number is currently listed in the on-line version of the DoD Directory. There will be two listings for the number: 1) Pentagon Amateur Radio Club and 2) Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS).

Mr. Uldis Adamson distributed another draft copy of a proposed new PARC constitution and by-laws. An electronic copy will be distributed to club members prior to a scheduled vote to adopt the new club constitution. Election of club officers will be scheduled after the new constitution takes effect.

The annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test will be held on Saturday May 9, 2009. Captain Rick Low will again serve as the PARC coordinator for this event. We will be using our military call sign of W-A-R and broadcasting the Secretary of Defense digital message for amateur radio stations to copy. Several club members volunteered to staff the radio room for this event.

The annual ARRL Field Day this year will be held on Saturday June 27th. There was discussion as to whether PARC should participate in Field Day events as a standalone club as was done in years past or to conduct joint operations with the Arlington Amateur Radio Club. Further discussion tabled until next month's meeting.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 1, 2009 at 12:00 PM in 5B272.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 PM.