

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
November 4, 2009

The meeting was chaired by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser and was called to order at 12:02 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 20 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Dale Waters – KB3SHI, John Croft – K3NJ, Steve Butler – W4HA, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Christian Williams – WI3V, Rick Low – N6CY, Bob Lipp – W4LIP, Ben Baddley – W4FQT, Jack Reed – WA4FXX, John Miller – KE4JEM, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Dee Bartholomew – K3KAT, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Van Evans – KB3XC, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Troy Warshel – KG6MGE, Scott Coughlin, and Christina Nelson.

A motion was made by Mr. Jack Reed to approve the October 2009 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Curt Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Gene Kaiser gave a report of the open house / grand opening / ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Pentagon MARS Station that took place on Wednesday October 21, 2009. Mr. John Grimes, former ASD NII / DoD CIO, cut the ribbon to formally open the station. Two news articles were published subsequent to the event: an article on the DoD website at URL <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=56335> and a news article on the ARRL website at URL <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/11/03/11180/?nc=1>. Dr. Kaiser also commented that it was nice to see many of the active-duty club members in attendance at today's meeting wearing their military uniforms.

Captain Rick Low gave an update on station operations. He noted that Mr. Jack Reed and Mr. Phil Kania provided communications support from the station during the recent Marine Corps Marathon that was held on Sunday October 25, 2009.

Mr. Gary Sessums gave an update on station facilities. He stated that he had procured four refurbished desktop computers and flat screen monitors for placement at each of the radio operating positions and that a new multi-zone GPS capable digital clock that displays both Zulu and local time zones had also been acquired for the station.

Mr. Doug Donnell stated that he had updated the club website, www.k4af.org, and that photographs from the recent grand opening event would be posted to the site soon.

A fourteen minute DVD from the National Communications System (NCS) about the SHARES HF radio program was presented on the 42" high resolution multimedia display. Short program presentations of this type on a variety of radio related topics are scheduled for future meetings.

A SHARES exercise is scheduled for November 6th and a military airborne communications exercise is scheduled for November 7th. Several club members volunteered to staff the station during these events.

The next PARC meeting is the annual Christmas party scheduled for December 2, at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.