

**TVARC Minutes**  
**01-29-08 Meeting**

President Carl Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. There were 16 members in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Secretary read the Minutes from the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, and they were accepted as read, with one correction: Haward Stone's call sign is K5WHS.
2. Marline reported that our treasury balance is \$418.37. She thanked the Club for the gift in memory of her sister, and said that a donation had been made to the American Cancer Society.
3. "Talk To Santa"—Mel said the weather was too cold for much participation, and several suggestions were offered regarding possible dates and methods of advertising it this year.
4. Updating of Roster—David made a motion that ***"Members' names whose dues are in arrears over a significant amount of time be removed from the roster."*** This would alleviate calling those inactive persons on the Monday night net and save time by the net controller. Arlie seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Marline will review the roster against a record of paid members to determine the names to recommend for deletion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Personal Reports—
  - a) Marline is recuperating well from recent double knee surgery.
  - b) Howard is going through rehab in the hospital after a bad fall in which he broke a hip. Mel and Bill, who visited him, report that he is doing well and expects to be released in about two weeks.
2. Website—Katy reported that the name "TRINITYVALLEYARC.ORG" through www.godaddy.com, a web-hosting site, is available. The former website was sufficiently difficult to restructure that starting a new one was deemed the best decision. Subject to approval by the Club, Carl is prepared to pay for registration of this name and later obtain reimbursement from the Treasurer. A motion was made that ***"The Club purchase this new website domain name at an approximate cost of \$50, to be renewed annually, and that Carl will be reimbursed for the annual expense."*** Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
3. HamCom—Katy is preparing a large poster board for display at the convention this year in Plano and showed a similar laminated poster as an example. HamCom has agreed to place our Club's name on their list of clubs and post our link on their website. This exposure hopefully will give us favorable exposure and increase our membership. Carl and Linda have agreed to pay the \$60-80 cost for materials and printing for the board.
4. Newsletter—Katy produces our quarterly newsletter in a PDF publishing format. To save Club funds, it is not printed in color for mailing; although it will be included on our website and available for e-mail distribution in full color. Katy suggested that those who would like to request their full-color newsletters via e-mail, rather than U.S. mail, sign up for e-mail distribution on a list which was routed around for name and current e-mail address. This will also save postage money.

5. February meeting—Jim McClellan, the husband of Lisa, who was chairperson of HamCom in 2007, has agreed to make a presentation about the **D-Star** system at our February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will meet at Marsden Wireless so that Jim will have access to a board for presentation of his materials. We will have a covered-dish dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting. Linda routed a list of meal-support items for members to choose among to bring. She will remind everyone who signed up for a specific item within a week prior to the meeting.
6. EchoLink—Rusty described the process by which those amateur radio operators who are outside the normal repeater area could access our Monday night nets via EchoLink. The simplest arrangement requires that you have a computer with a broadband internet connection and a microphone connected to your sound card (the pink connector). The EchoLink software you need is a free download from the [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) website. This site also provides much information to learn about EchoLink. Rusty distributed a sample page from the EchoLink software package. Once you have the software on your computer, you can connect to the WK5R-L link for communication with our two-meter repeater. Rusty said he would enter all the Club members' call signs into the system, so that anyone in the Club could connect and participate. Rusty is preparing the list and the link, and should have it ready soon. Carl thanked Rusty for his presentation.
6. Adjourn—With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.