

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of Meeting of 13 November 2002

Vice President Al Braun, AC5BX, called the meeting to order at 19:30 in the clubhouse at SEC with thirteen members and one guest (W6TIZ) in attendance. Minutes of the 09 October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasury report by Ryan Snyder, KC5WDT, was approved. The checking account balance is \$5671.69, including \$251.08 that belongs to TARA. This includes payment of all ham fest expenses except Chartwell.

Public Service:

Jon Spargo NC5NTW reported that the "ARES" request for an emergency command post trailer is at the State. However, any recipient non-government organization must have a tax ID number, 501c³ non-profit for SARA. Bob Sparks WB5QZD said SEC would welcome any knowledgeable ham to assist them in their response to a FCC notice of power line RFI in amateur bands. Interstate 25 cleanup is delayed until early spring 2003.

Repeaters:

The autodial on the 146.68 MHz repeater is still down. Dave Romero, KC5MTG, has completed one of three frames for the solar panels.

Ham Fest retrospective:

The US Postal Service and City still have SARA stuck with \$250 for flier postage. We can't afford a repeat next year. About 800 fliers were returned with invalid addresses. The Engine bay grease pit should have a better barricade next time. Tailgate area needed marking, but the rain ended that. Need more than 60 tables next year. Need to be prepared with prize tickets, signs, etc. Friday setup for major vendors, tables and chairs, and events of Saturday require specific tasks with specific persons responsible for each. VE session went well with 19 applicants, and passed 7 Techs (including one 12 year old), 1 Tech +, 3 Generals and 2 Extras, thanks to Kalman and crew. What venue for next year? The Academy will cost \$\$, so we need to look for another place.

Moved and approved that Socorro Ham Fest 2003 will be on 25 October.

Miscellaneous:

Christmas banquet (no business meeting) will be 18:30 Wednesday 11 December at K-Bob's (order from menu). Moved and approved that SARA purchase 4 folding chairs. The V. Pres. urged members to consider volunteering for offices next May. The 3-year incumbents want relief!

Meeting adjourned at 20:40.

Bill Brundage, K8HUH, Secretary