

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting

June 8, 2011

Call to order:

7:31 PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

16 members present, and 3 guests.

Introductions:

Eric Skaggs - W7NNN

Ashley Goehring

Mike Wright - KD5RVV

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes as posted on the website accepted.

Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
5/1/2011 balance	\$ 7937.95	\$ 320.08	\$ 8258.03
Debits:	\$120.00	-	-
Deposits:	\$74.00	-	\$74.00
6/1/2011 balance:	\$ 7891.95	\$ 320.08	\$ 8,212.03

Membership renewals due:

Luis Aguilar - WB5JMD

Bear Albrecht - W5VZB (paid)

Naomi Bergman - KF5DTO

David Hunter - KF5AVI

Paul Lilie - KE5UCI

ARES:

Vern Leavitt KD5UHB reports that the Arizona fire jumped the NM state line today, The Catron County EOC was activated. State EOC was also activated. Socorro County may be activated tomorrow.

LEPC:

Doug May reports that meetings are on the third Thursday of the month. He says communications to the public needs to be improved. They have no radio station and no way to keep people informed and up to date. Cindy Rivera was designated as City Emergency Manager after the freeze this last winter. She will be responsible for City of Socorro emergency shelters. Vern spoke concerning NOAA Weather Radio in Socorro. If the system is implemented, can we get people to buy the receivers?

Old Business:

Field Day: Doug May reports that the ARRL Field Day Locator does not have our station listed. Dave Johnson said that it is not a problem and it is easy to add our station. Pat Salmoe needs to be contacted to reserve Clarke Field. A \$50 deposit is needed for the restrooms. Ray says he will make the reservations. John Spargo will take care of food on Saturday night at Clarke Field. Specific field day logistics were discussed, including station logging, station power, and food. Jim Boswell proposed a GOTA (Get On The Air) station. Setup will be at 9:30 Saturday morning and tear down at 12:00 Noon Sunday.

New Business:

The treasurer reports that all current officers need to sign a card at First State Bank. It is time to renew our liability insurance. ARRL has changed their insurance carrier. The old insurance carrier made non-owned auto liability mandatory. This is no longer the case with the new carrier. The new carrier is \$120 cheaper. The new carrier costs \$200 a year without non-owned auto liability and \$300 with.

Motion: Go with new insurance carrier without vehicle coverage for the next year (\$200).

Approved.

Hamfest:

Logistics of the Hamfest and dinner were discussed. The caterer with brisket costs about \$8.25 per person.

Motion: Maintain the same caterer, and go with the brisket.

Approved.

A reservation was made at the fire academy for the 29th
Jim Boswell can get 10 or 15 tables from NRAO and take care of the silent auction.

Options for a speaker for the hamfest banquet were discussed.
Prescott says he will check with MROI.

A moment of silence was had for a silent key, Jim Harrison AB5UO.
Ed Wood announces that there is a repeater network that is centered in El Paso covering western Texas and southern New Mexico.

David Hunter announces that, next month, he will be leaving to Chile for 1 to 2 years.

Adjournment: 8:20PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary