

# Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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## Minutes of the SARA Meeting July 13, 2011

Call to order:

7:30PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

17 members present.

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>
6/1/2011 balance:	\$7,891.95	\$320.08	\$8,212.03
Debits:	\$112.05	-	-\$112.05
Deposits:	\$25.00	-	\$25.00
7/1/2011 balance:	\$7,804.90	\$320.08	<b>\$8,124.98</b>

Membership renewals due:

Brundage Bill - NM5WB - Paid

Lommen Jim - KC7QY - Family - Paid

Rader Al - WA5POL

Smith Brad - KD5JNI - Paid

Past due:

Luis Aguilar - WB5JMD

Naomi Bergman - KF5DTO

David Hunter - KF5AVI - went to Chile.

Paul Lilie - KE5UCI

ARES:

Vern Leavitt KD5UHB reports that he and Jim Boswell KA5SIW discussed field day and there is a situation where some people are appliance operators and some people are hams. Jim Boswell, an ARRL instructor, wants to start a monthly class on the real workings of hams. A schedule is being worked on by Jim with the first and third Wednesdays of the month being possible days..

LEPC:

Doug May KF5AVG reports that the LEPC meets on the 18th of August which is the annual meeting. On July 21st, Fred Hollis will give a report on the Wallow Fire and Andy Lopez will give a report on the 346 fire.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo KC5NTW is still trying to set up a schedule with SCS Central Office. He wants to try to expand the program to encompass the middle and high school. Finding room at the Charter School will be an issue.

If this is implemented on a school wide basis, having a interested school faculty member with a license would help in setting up activities which has been a problem in the past.

In any case, Jon will offer another class at the start of the school year.

Jon would like to know of anyone within the school system who might be interested in helping.

TARA:

Kalman Oravec AJ5B reports that the club has been mostly quiet during the summer while Seth Price is away. He has been occasionally going into the club room and joining an international net.

Ray Calkins asked where the club room is. It is located in the basement of Presidents Hall.

Old Business:

Penny Lommen reports that the club has got the new liability insurance. It is \$100 cheaper and has the same coverage as the last insurance except cars are not included. It goes into effect on August 1st. The old insurance expires on August 13th.

Field Day went very well.

The Socorro group made about 475 contacts. David Johnson KB5YIW says the Datil group had three people and made 50-60 contacts. Doug May suggests that we have signs that direct traffic to the field day site. Vern Leavitt has a list of participants.

New Business:

Prescott says that we have a speaker for the Hamfest banquet. The room has been reserved.

Dave Finley requests on behalf of CAP. They have a hangar at the Socorro airport that they wish to convert to a mission base. They want to build a radio room and add some HF antennas. He asks if the club would be willing to donate a unused telescoping mast. This would help them complete their HF antenna array.

**Motion to donate the tubular SkyNeedle provided that it is the one that Glenn Mauger wants.**

**Motion approved.**

Bill Brundage NM5WB reports that the Socorro Chile Harvest Triathlon is looking for volunteers. There will be two events this year. On Friday, August 5th there will be the youth triathlon. Two volunteer positions were vacant but they have been filled. The main triathlon on Saturday, August 6th still needs volunteers. There are eight radio locations and a net control. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, contact Bill Brundage NM5WB. nm5wb@arrl.net, home 575-835-3916, work 575-835-7120.

We have a new member. Eric Skaggs W7NNN has joined SARA tonight.

Jim Boswell reports that Fred Hollis would like to see SARA and our trailer at the County Fair. We did not support it with our presence last year.

Adjournment: 8:20PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI  
Secretary