

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting October 12, 2011

Call to order:

7:30PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

17 members present.

Announcements:

Bear Albrecht's has upgraded the RAM in his laptop.

Ray Calkins talked about the Raspberry Pi. <http://www.raspberrypi.org/>

Dave Johnson says the Annual Bosque Cleanup is on Friday October 14, 9AM to noon.

Minutes:

Dave Johnson made the motion to approve the September minutes as posted on the website.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
9/1/2011 balance:	\$7,431.90	\$320.08	\$7,751.98
Debits:	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
Deposits:	\$45.00	-	\$45.00
10/1/2011 balance:	\$7,476.90	\$320.08	\$7,796.98

Membership renewals due:

Elias, Nick - N3AIU

Standefer, Ralph - N5PNG

Wolf, Ken - KC5HGG

Past due:

Finley, Dave - N1IRZ
Price, Seth - N3MRA
Lilie, Paul - KE5UCI

TARA:

Nothing new has occurred with TARA.

ARES:

Vern Leavitt KD5UHB reports that the New Mexico HF statewide net on 3939KHz is expanding to every Sunday evening at 7:30. The Socorro ARES will only be participating on the first and third Sundays.

It was discussed what Fred Hollis wants done with the “combulance” communication ambulance. Vern is asking for help on setting it up and in planning how and where to put equipment in it.

LEPC:

Doug May KF5AVG reports that he was not able to attend the last meeting but he says that he saw in the El Defensor Cheiftain that Stan Osborne, one of the officers of LEPC, will be leaving before the end of the month, leaving a vacancy.

Jon Spargo KC5NTW said that, also in the paper, credit was given to the LEPC for bringing to the attention of the Magdalena Village Council that they were ill prepared for emergencies.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports that the G5RV is up and operational. He says that he spent some money out of pocket on the G5RV. He presented receipts to the treasurer that amounted roughly to \$80.

Vern Leavitt moves that the club reimburses Jon Spargo for the expenses in purchasing and setting up the G5RV for the Charter School. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to allow the club board to quickly approve future expenditures by phone. The motion was dropped in discussion as Dave Johnson pointed out that this was already within the realm of duties of the board.

Jon Spargo asked about a coax switch that was donated to the club by Jim Harrison. Al Braun said that Jim specified that the donated equipment could be used for any purpose that the club wished. It was eventually determined that the switch was intended as a antenna switch and would present a short circuit to the deselected equipment which could damage a transmitter if it were accidentally keyed.

Jon says that the Icom IC-720A that was loaned by Don Woods has a notorious intermittent band switch problem. He asked, as a point of discussion, if it would be possible for the club to use the Yaesu FT-990 that was donated by Jim so that Jon could use the club's Icom IC-718 at the charter school, and return Don's IC-720A. The discussion expanded onto the subject of where SARA equipment should and should not be deployed.

Old Business:

Jim Lommen pointed out that in the minutes of the August 10th meeting there is discussion that Jon Spargo will be ordering license manuals for SARA. There is no record of there being a motion or approval of the book purchase.

Dave Johnson moved for a correction to the August 10th meeting minutes to include the approval of the purchase of license manuals by Jon Spargo for the charter school.

Hamfest:

Vern Leavitt says that the mailers are out. Pizza was served as compensation at the mailer folding party and the club board has agreed to reimburse Vern Leavitt for the pizza purchase. Dave Johnson says that Grab-n-Gourmet will be at the hamfest shortly after 7:00AM to provide food.

Jim Boswell says he will provide a PA system.

VE session has been posted on the ARRL site. It will be ran by Al Braun.

Jim Boswell suggested that individuals be allowed to place items on the silent auction table on a first come first serve basis. It was decided in discussion that with a fee and appropriate sign up paperwork that it could work. Jim Boswell says he will handle the fee and the paperwork.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment: 8:42PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary