

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting November 9, 2011

Call to order:

7:30PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

14 members present.

Announcements:

No announcements or introductions.

Minutes:

The motion was made to approve the October 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>
10/1/2011 balance:	\$7,476.90	\$320.08	\$7,796.98
Debits:	\$3,128.69	-	-\$3,128.69
Deposits:	\$110.00	-	\$110.00
11/1/2011 balance:	\$4,458.21	\$320.08	\$4,778.29

Bear reported for Jim Lommen.

The issue of the fee on returned mail came up.

It was asked if Dave Johnson had followed through with a up to date flyer mailing list as suggested last year. Vern Leavitt confirmed that Dave had keeps a list but there is still an average 20% removal rate per year. There was discussion about alternatives to using the current bulk mail permit that requires the use of a return service. Prescott Grey said that he would like the board to come to a resolution sometime soon

Membership renewals due:

Ralph, Standefer - N5PNG

Wolf, Ken - KC5HHG

Past due:

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

TARA:

Nothing new has occurred with TARA. The club is still inactive.

ARES:

Vern Leavitt KD5UHB reports that the last 2 meter ARES net had 10 people check in. Today (2011-11-09) there was a 2M activation exercise to test the nationwide EAS. There were some holes in the system and KOB did not receive or broadcast the alert.

There will be another exercise on the 17th with the hospital.

Dave Finley reports that, during the drill, the hospital wants ARES to act as a communication link between the hospital and the EOC. Some suggestions were made as to how it could be done.

Bear reports that there will be some office restructuring in the EOC building. There will be a space available in Fred's old office for an ARES station.

LEPC:

Doug May was not present to give a LEPC report.

Ray reported that meetings are on the third Thursdays of the month at 10:00AM in the EOC.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports that he is working out details on how to set up the equipment. He is asking for a few volunteers at 3:00PM next Wednesday to help him work out logistics.

The board has assessed Jon's request to swap radios and decided that he will be allowed to use the Icom IC-718 from the trailer.

Old Business:

Kalman reported on the Hamfest VE session. He says that he would like to have some more VEs available. Ray said he would like to talk to Kalman after the meeting about becoming a VE.

New Business:

Vern will be contacting people for help when he is moving the radio room and setting up the combulance.

Vern Leavitt moved to hold the annual banquet on December 14 at 6:00PM at Socorro Springs. The motion was seconded and approved.

Next months annual banquet will be in the Sun Room of Socorro Springs 6:00PM, Dec 14.

Adjournment: 8:42PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary