

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting January 11, 2012

Call to order:

7:30PM

Bear Albrecht W5VZB presiding.

13 members present, and 1 guest.

Introductions:

Guest speaker Paul Harden NA5N.

Announcements:

Dave Johnson says the 17th Albuquerque Winter Tailgate will be on Saturday, January 28th.

On Saturday, February 18th there will be a D-STAR seminar.

Jim Lommen reports that a D-Star repeater is going up in Las Cruces

Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
11/1/2011 balance:	\$4,458.21	\$320.08	\$4,778.29
Debits:	\$35.18	-	-\$35.18
Deposits:	\$3,288.74	-	\$3,288.74
1/1/2012 balance:	\$7,711.77	\$320.08	\$8,031.85

Membership renewals due:

Riley, Paula and family

Past due:

Finn, Mike – KB5REN

Price, Seth – N3MRA (Dropped his membership. Moved to Rio Rancho)

Silva, Rick – WA6ES

Rehnert, Tom - N5PLX

TARA:

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

ARES:

Vern Leavitt reports that the radio room has been vacated in the EOC and ARES can begin setting up there. They have yet to get started on the ambulance. They are still holding first and third Sunday HF nets.

LEPC:

Doug May reports that on the December 15th meeting Rick Norman from the Los Alamos Lab emergency planning team gave a presentation. He went through the steps that were necessary to make a plan. He said that when the plan is ready then it should be shared with other groups, private and governmental to see how well they mesh.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports that he lost two students and picked up a student for a total of 6. The station needs a few superficial repairs but is operational. Jon presented a picture of Casper making his first contact on 40m (7185KHz). Jon says that there may be an article in the paper about the class and Casper's contact.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Paul Harden NA5N with the VLA gave a presentation.

He talked about the Civil War in New Mexico.

There will be a reenactment on the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in the near future to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. They could use communication in the event of an emergency. He invites members of the club to participate with the reenactment and help with communications.

He will keep the club informed of the schedule of the reenactment.

Doug May suggests that we set aside some money for road signs for the next hamfest.

Adjournment: 8:36PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary