

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting **March 14, 2012**

Call to order:

7:35PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

15 members and 1 guest present.

Introductions:

Al Smoake

Guest Speaker:

Al Smoake talked about diabetes.

Diabetes is the most common endocrine disorder in our country.

He explained the types and mechanisms of the disorder and gave a slide show.

Announcements:

Ray Calkins announces Bear is now a grandfather.

Jim Lommen announced that the 60 meter changes that he announced last meeting have gone into effect. They can be seen in the latest QST or the ARRL website.

Approval of minutes:

Dave Johnson moved to approve the November minutes.

The minutes were approved.

Dave Johnson moved to approve the January minutes.

The minutes were approved.

Dave Johnson moved to approve the Special February meeting minutes.

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Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
2/1/2012 balance:	\$7,774.48	\$320.08	\$8,094.56
Debits:	\$186.10	-	-\$186.10
Deposits:	\$30.00	-	\$30.00
3/1/2012 balance:	\$7,618.38	\$320.08	\$7,938.46

Membership renewals due:

None

Past due:

None

ARES:

Vern Leavitt reports that the new radio desk for ARES is completed and ready to have equipment installed.

LEPC:

Doug May reports that there is a meeting tomorrow at 10AM. He says they will be talking about shelters in Socorro. Red Cross will be having a class for a "Unit" in Socorro. Recent storms in December convinced them that help should be locally available rather than trying to bring in help from outside. Cindy Rivera will be leading the effort.

At the LEPC meeting Doug will report on Volunteer Organizations Addressing Disaster which had a meeting earlier in the week.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo reports that the class has finished covering the textbook and is working on the exams. He has two field trips planned, one to the EOC and one to the VLA in April.

Jon says that he will have six students to take the exam. He would like to have a VE session scheduled by then next meeting so that he can have a date for the students.

Jon asked for some help with some in-class demonstrations of ohms law and other electrical principles. He will email the club when that is occurring.

Old Business:

Ray Calkins received a call from Paul Harden with the Civil War Reenactment. It will not be happening. The FWS will not permit an overnight stay on the Sevilleta Wildlife Refuge.

Ray says he has a Dell 2650 rack mount server donated from Ryan Snyder for the D-STAR project. He is working at getting it set up.

Prescott provided a stack of D-STAR project schedules that he presented to the club for scrutiny. Amongst other things he has purchased the recommended Linksys router though he hasn't yet loaded the recommended firmware. He says that the money went out to ICOM on Monday. He reminded the club that one of the steps to getting the reimbursement is to have ten club members sign up with Icom as D-STAR users.

New Business:

Doug May asked the date of Field Day. Field Day is the forth full weekend of June. Ray suggested appointing a chair for Field Day and the D-STAR project. It was pointed out that Jim Boswell was appointed as Field Day chair last meeting. Since Prescott Grey has been serving the role as D-STAR chair he was appointed the role.

Dave Finley announces the rededication of the VLA on Saturday, March 31. He says that it is an invite-only event but there will be a ham radio special event hosted by Dave and some of his friends on the same day. They have a ham radio club, The NRAO Amateur Radio Club, that holds the call sign of Grote Reber. The call is W9GFZ. They will be setting up in Socorro at the Science Operations Center. Dave says that he will send out a email to the club with the schedule of the event. He asks the club if he could borrow a radio for the duration of the event. Prescott Grey offered his radio since he would be out of town.

Good of Ham Radio:

No items.

Adjournment: 8:45PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary