

# Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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## Minutes of the SARA Meeting June 13, 2012

### Call to order:

7:30PM

Ray Calkins presiding.

17 members and 2 guests present.

### Introductions:

David Harter KF5QLJ

Eric Stargardt KF5QLI

### Announcements:

Jim Lommen announces that amateur vanity plates are available in the turquoise Centennial format.

Prescott Grey announces that anyone who wants to sign up for the club D-STAR repeater should talk to him.

### Minutes:

Brad says that he has made a list of minor corrections to previous minutes, mostly to the dates of the treasurer reports. He will send the list out by email for approval at the next meeting.

Jim Lommen moved to approve the May minutes with a corrections he submitted previously. The minutes were accepted.

### Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
5/1/2012 balance:	\$4,752.39	\$320.08	\$5,072.47
Debits:	\$146.75	-	-\$146.75
Deposits:	\$25.00	-	\$25.00
6/1/2012 balance:	\$4,630.64	\$320.08	<b>\$4,950.72</b>

Jim reports that the club will begin paying an annual \$66.75 lease fee for the repeater space on Socorro Peak. He says that there is also an application fee of \$50 that is due every 3 or 4 years, he is unsure.

Membership renewals due:

Aguilar, Luis WB5JMD  
Bergam, Naomi KF5DTO  
Frawley, Tom KA0YYP

Past due:

Peavy, Howard K9PV

ARES:

Vern says the EOC radio room is cleaned up and looking more professional. The HF nets are being run out of it.

The HF net is first and third Sundays at 7:30PM on 3939. Everyone is welcome to check in.

LEPC:

Doug May says that he doesn't have a formal report for this week. He went up to the fire in Ruidoso. Land lines and cell service went down. He saw some people communicating with satellite phones that had good connections.

There was a debriefing partial assessment. 99 homes destroyed and 78 other building. The numbers are rising.

Bear added that Mark Wheeler, a BLM ranger, has a satellite phone in his truck.

Charter School:

Jon was not available to report. Al says that seven people took the test. One student and two adults passed.

TARA

No report

Old Business:

D-STAR:

Prescott reports that the D-STAR repeater is running from his sun room at 2 watts. There are a few more bugs to work out. Prescott got a two month extension from Icom. Ray has a key so that he and Brad can work on it.

Field Day:

Jim Boswell made a sketch of the antenna layout. He is counting on hotdogs and potluck for food. He has prepared a list of supplies that he would like to request money from the club to supply. He will front the money, not to exceed \$50. The coax from VLA has arrived. There is about 3000ft of RG-223 in lengths with SMA connectors.

Logging will be done with GenLog software.

There will be no Datil station this year due to too few participants.

Hamfest:

Bear has nothing to report for the time being.

Ray pointed out that we have a raffle ticket jar that is full of email addresses that could be harvested for a mailing list.

New Business:

Jim Lommen says the he and Prescott added up the value of the equipment of repeaters, etc, and it is around \$10,000. None of it is covered by the clubs liability insurance. ARRL provides an all-hazard full-replacement insurance policy. The cost is \$1.40 per \$100 of coverage.

**Prescott makes a motion that we buy the ARRL insurance. The motion was seconded.**

**There was no discussion.**

**The motion was approved.**

Announcements:

none

Adjournment: 8:15PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI

Secretary