

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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Minutes of the SARA Meeting July 11, 2012

Call to order:

7:38PM

Ray Calkins presiding.

13 members and 1 guest present.

Introductions:

William Valliant KF5IBN

Announcements:

Bill Brundage made a presentation for the Chile Harvest Triathlon, Saturday August 4th. He is unable to attend this year but got the ball rolling on wrangling volunteers. Prescott took charge as a coordinator.

Minutes:

Brad Smith says that he sent out the out the corrections that he made to multiple previous minutes.

Vern Leavitt moved to approve the corrections. The motion passed.

There is an additional correction to the May minutes. That will need to be sent out for approval by the next meeting.

Penny Lommen made a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion was accepted.

Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
6/1/2012 balance:	\$4,630.64	\$320.08	\$4,950.72
Debits:	\$10.36	-	-\$10.36
Deposits:	\$85.00	-	\$85.00
7/1/2012 balance:	\$4,705.28	\$320.08	\$5,025.36

Membership renewals due:

Brundage, Bill NM5WB

Rader, Al WA5POL

Skaggz, Eric W7NNN

Past due:

Peavy, Howard K9PV
Frawley, Tom KA0YPP

ARES:

Vern Leavitt reported that not much has happened. There were no check ins on the HF net.

LEPC:

Doug May says that there was no meeting this month and he will not be available next month. Bear reports that the EPA has an old listing from 2009 that shows him as LEPC chair with a phone number that will no longer be available in the next few days.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo was not available to report.

TARA

No report

Old Business:

D-STAR:

Prescott Grey reports that the machine is still running at his house.

He says that the antenna that we were going to use belongs to Bob Sparks, who is not willing to sell. Prescott is going to pick up a replacement antenna from Paul Choc. He thinks we can get it up soon and in one trip. He thinks that the system may soon be ready to take to the peak. After the reimbursement, he says that the club will have spent around \$1000.

Field Day:

Bear Albrecht says that he was at two Field Day sites near Cloudcroft. He reported on his adventures there.

Jim Boswell says that besides the band conditions being terrible all of the equipment worked perfectly and we had a good Field Day. Some children came by and seemed to think that the food was for them. Brad Smith set up a vertical for 160 meters. He said that some participants suggested setting up at the park in San Antonio next time. The food was well received. The usual coffee pot went missing somewhere in the EOC building. Doug May lent his pot for field day. SARA's coffee pot, if it is located, or its replacement need to be labeled.

In the future we will try to get more radios and more operators.

Hamfest:

Bear Albrecht say that we have a hamfest page, but he had to find through Google because there is no link on the main SARA page. Al Braun says that we are approved as an ARRL hamfest. Vendor recruitment and prizes was discussed at length and no resolution was formed.

Penny Lommen made a motion to hold a separate Hamfest meeting.

Prescott seconded and the motion was accepted.

New Business:

Prescott Grey said the he would be sending out an email to volunteers for the Chile Harvest Triathlon.

Jim Lommen pointed out that we had only appropriated \$50 for Jim Boswell to provide food for the hamfest and it had been \$100 in the past. Jim Boswell said that his spendings did exceed \$50.

Prescott Grey made a motion that the club covered Jim Boswell's expenses. Penny Lomen seconded the motion

The motion passed.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Adjournment: 8:45PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI

Secretary