

# Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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## Minutes of the SARA Meeting August 08, 2012

### Call to order:

7:38PM

Vern Leavitt presiding.

15 members and 3 guests in attendance.

### Introductions:

Stan Bryn AC5TW

### Announcements:

Doug May has talked with Bill Pace and he says that the new commercial radio station is in the works

### Minutes:

No minutes yet. Brad will try to have them completed by the next meeting.

### Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
7/1/2012 balance:	\$4,705.28	\$320.08	\$5,025.36
Debits:	\$380.03	-	-\$380.03
Deposits:	\$1,47.09	-	\$1,347.09
8/1/2012 balance:	\$5,672.34	\$320.08	<b>\$5,992.42</b>

### Membership renewals due:

Boswell, Jim KA5SIW

Bowman, Anneliese AD6UY

Frawley, Tom KA0YYP

### Past due:

Peavy, Howard K9PV

Frawley, Tom KA0YYP

Skaggs, Eric W7NNN

Rader, Al WA5POL

ARES:

Vern Leavitt reports that ARES has been relatively inactive. The nets have had little attendance

LEPC:

Doug May says that he will be giving a report his visit to Ft Collins and Colorado Springs at the next LEPS meeting. Doug was working there with his church. He says that FEMA set up local recovery centers so that people who lost their homes or were evacuated had a place. An AT&T van was there to provide emergency telephone service. These services were set up within 24 hours. The news service took aerial photographs of the damage and made them immediately available to the public for identifying the damage to their homes.

Charter School:

Jon says that the first class is next Tuesday. He has four new students and a couple of repeats. He is working on options for recruiting students outside of the charter school.

TARA

No report

D-STAR:

Prescott Grey reports that the D-STAR machine is still running at his house. Brad said that at this point the next step is to get it up on the mountain and iron out the details up there. Prescott says that one feature is missing before it can be legally turned on at the peak. It needs to have a way to be turned off remotely. He mentioned a few options but said that the best one is a device called the RigRunner by West Mountain Radio.

He has it running at full power at his house and he says that the range is about as expected.

Triathlon:

Dave Finley reports that all of the net participants were on station and the net ran smoothly. He says that every time the triathlon director had a question for him about what was going on on the course, he had an answer.

Jon Spargo also reports that he and Dave had a mini net on Friday evening to support the Youth Triathlon. It went well except uncooperative vehicular traffic.

Old Business:

Hamfest:

Jim Lommen reports that there was a hamfest coordination meeting on the 17th.

Dinner will be Friday night at the church as usual.

Same caterer, waiting on a price back. We are working on adding to the program. There may be a mobile satellite link demonstration. The State ARES meeting is confirmed at 10AM on Saturday.

Last year \$1,200 was put in for prizes. Jim suggests that we put in \$1,500, considering that we pulled a \$1,700 profit last year after radio costs. He mentioned the Duke City Hamfest drawing scheme with multiple pots, one for each prize. He is not in favor of the scheme however.

**Jon Spargo moved for allocating \$1,500 for prizes.**

**Prescott seconded and the motion approved.**

Prescott pointed out that ICOM has provided us with some good deals on prize radios in return for what we have done with the repeater. There will be a presenter coming from Georgia to talk about DSTAR

Doug May asked about compiling a email list form tickets. Jim says that Eric Stargardt is working on it.

Jim Lommen said that we got cut on the Lodgers Tax down to \$850 from \$1300 last year. He says that as things are going we are fortunate to get even that and we are doing far better than many other clubs. Penny suggested a contact form to go along with the ticket sales. Even if we don't charge a entrance fee, a registration might be a good idea. Doug may suggested a registration drawing.

Bosque special event:

Jim Lommen says that on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, two weeks before Hamfest, there will be a National Wildlife Refuge Week activity. He has approval from the refuge to set up antennas on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> so that operations can start Saturday morning. He would like some volunteers to help with operations.

New Business:

No new business

Announcements:

Nick Elias reports that this will be his last meeting. He will be moving away at the end of the month. He has a large ~45 ampere linear power supply for sale.

Adjournment: 8:15PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI

Secretary