



W5AQA

MINUTES
November 14, 2012

Call to order

7:43 PM, Ray Calkins, NORBT presiding
18 members present (see attachment 1)

Introductions

None

Announcements

- Input from the floor
Glenn, WB5OAF, reports that 4H group will need our regular the room 2nd wed of every month until further notice; we will use 4H room; He also reports that the Yaesu FT-990 donated by Jim Harrison needs repair.
- Special election: secretary
A quorum was determined to be present; Prescott Grey was nominated for secretary, no other nominations were forthcoming. Grey was elected secretary for the remainder of this business year. The meeting requested that appropriate verbiage as required by the bank be inserted into the minutes. The following was approved by Gina Egler of First State: "Approval of Fiscal Agents: Prescott Grey, Secretary, having been duly elected and designated at the November 14th, 2012 meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association, was approved by the members in attendance at that meeting to have signature authority as provided for in the Association's Bylaws for the purpose of approving checks drawn on the account of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association. The remaining Fiscal Agents, Ray Calkins, President; Eric Albrecht, Vice President; James Lommen, Treasurer; James Boswell, Past President; and fiscal agent Penny Lommen, each having been duly designated at the May 11th, 2011 annual meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association, remain approved by the members in attendance at the November 14th, 2012 meeting to have signature authority as provided for in the Association's Bylaws for the purpose of approving checks drawn on the account of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association. Outgoing Secretary Brad Smith shall no longer have signature authority."

Approval of minutes for July, September and October 2012

(as posted at www.socorroara.org)

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of July, September and October 2012; motion passed.

Reports

- Treasury: Jim Lommen, KC7QY
(see attachment 2, as submitted)
- ARES: Vern Leavitt, KD5UHB
Vern reports 6 people attended the last Sunday net at the EOC and reminded us of the table top exercise on 11/27 (there will be a call out on 26th no response required). Bear, W5VZB, mentioned that the County is planning to implement DeltAlert (see <http://www.deltalert.com/>); cell phones must be added by hand. Prescott, W1PCG, spoke to the efficacy of online ICS training, noting that the 700, 800, and 802 courses were very well presented; Bear notes that 800 and 802A will be required next year. If everyone has all the required ICS courses it enhances the County Emergency Manager's ability to receive grants. Glenn, WB5OAF, says the club's Yaesu FT-990 does not transmit (extremely low power, but is on frequency), that it requires professional repair, and that Yaesu recommends using Land Air Communications. The cost could approach \$500. Vern notes that planning should address desire to operate from both sides of the radio room; Jim, KA5SIW, suggests that the radios on each side should be identical, particularly due to the learning curve associated with menu-driven radios. It was noted at the meeting that the Icom IC-718, a county-owned radio, is not in production (note: in actuality the IC-718 appears to be still available). Glenn notes that the IC-706 needs to be reserved for packet use. Prescott, Jim, Glenn were charged to prepare recommendations for presentation at the January meeting.
- LEPC: Doug May, KF5AVG
Doug reports that Fred Hollis is new LEPC chairman. He says the tabletop exercise will address an incident southwest of Magdalena. Doug points out need for emergency power at filling stations; after much discussion Vern, KD5UHB, said he would mention the need at the next LEPC meeting. Further discussion suggested that ARES and SARA could draft a resolution supporting any proactive response from the LEPC, and that these inputs be directed to Don Tripp, the County Commission and the City Council.
- Charter School: Jon Spargo, KC5NTW
Jon reports a new ham, KF5SOG. Antenna building went well; class is about halfway through the book.
- D-STAR: Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Prescott reports that D-STAR is working well and we have one new registration; the server needs to be swapped out with the 'new' server. D-RATS session similar to the D-STAR Academy is in the early planning stages.
- TARA Billy Valliant, KF5IVN
Billy reports that TARA made \$56 at the Hamfest through the sale of old equipment. Shack on campus has been cleaned; tried to contact facilities to help fix antenna on President's Hall. There was some talk about using a ladder truck. The need for a viable antenna is perhaps the most important consideration, so far as TARA becoming a viable activity at Tech. Jon, KC5NTW, volunteered to help talking with facilities, given a short description from Billy; he also suggested that Tech might be interested in having the

TARA shack able to augment emergency preparedness for the County. Billy wanted ideas about how to develop more interest in ham radio at Tech. Ray, N0RBT, mentioned that the rocket club might be interested in command and control via ham radio. Prescott, W1PCG, said he could approach Prof. Bond for ideas. Brad, KD5JNI, suggested putting out fliers. Penny mentioned putting PR info into "Pay Dirt" and the "Chieftain".

Old Business

- Review Socorro Hamfest
Jim, KC7QY, reports that 51 people were at the banquet; there were only 35 last year. It seems that the talk by Paul Harden, NA5N, was a significant reason for the increased attendance. Most costs are broken out in the October Treasurer's report. The prizes are going to cost approximately \$1578, which has yet to be paid; Icom substituted an ID-80AD substituted for the VC-80. There were fewer tailgaters this year. The list of emails is still being compiled. Seven people took license exams. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to review lessons learned and plan next year's event, including:
1) whether or not we want to make money from the food vendor, or if it is more important to have the vendor be here to help keep people at the event; 2) assuring fliers are prepared and mailed in a timely fashion; 3) making sure there are no 'dead' periods that could be filled with a talk or seminar; 4) assuring that rooms are assigned for the various seminars and that time conflicts are resolved; and 5) arranging vendor demos if possible.
- Review NWR Week special event at Sevilleta, Saturday 13 Oct
Jim, KC7QY reports that Prescott, W1PCG, and Billy, KF5IVN, helped install the antenna on Friday afternoon prior to the event. On the day of the event Jim was the station operator of a single HF station, with Prescott and Doug, and KF5AVG, helping talk to the several interested parties that stopped to see what we were doing. Jim made 50 or 60 contacts; he notes that 10m was not so good, but worked Ecuador and worked the Virgin Islands on 15m. Magnetic storms were an issue. Sevilleta was very accommodating and showed a lot of interest in having us back next year.

New Business

- Venue for December banquet
Motion was approved to hold the SARA Annual Banquet at the Bodega Burger Company, December 12, 6:00 PM, ordering of the menu. RSVP will be requested.
- Reestablishment of a regular program/speaker (suggestions/help welcome)
Ray, N0RBT, suggested the use of the Navy NEETS modules; see, for example, <http://www.phy.davidson.edu/instrumentation/NEETS.htm>, or otherwise a rotating training schedule. Jim, KA5SIW, suggests he could do some training if he could get access to the building and/or if the business section of our meetings was somewhat curtailed. He also suggests doing show & tell, either at the meeting or at someone's house. Glenn, WB5OAF, suggests the desks & terminals in the EOC may be available for computer training. Jim, KC7QY, suggests that a lot of PowerPoint material is available from the web.
- 'Blitz' license session(s)
Several members feel that a 'Blitz' license session might recruit new members. Jim, KA5SIW, and Prescott, W1PCG, will develop a plan and present it at the next meeting.

- Charge controller for 2m repeater
A motion was approved to buy a new charge controller for the 2m repeater, amount not to exceed \$200.00.
- Input from the floor
None

Good of the Organization/Other

- Input from the floor
Jim Boswell, KA5SIW, suggested that a simple single-axle trailer could be outfitted with an antenna and other accessories to more easily facilitate setting up for field day or special events. Jim was asked to put details together and report back. Jim also mentioned that this meeting was not mentioned in the recent edition of the local paper. Suggestions were made to also put info in Scope and PayDirt. KYRN was also mentioned as a great place for an interview. It was suggested that a number of thank-you letters are due.

Adjournment

9:29 PM

Prescott Grey, W1PCG

Secretary

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report October 31, 2012

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
October-12	Opening Balance				8,275.04
Debits Check					
11-Oct	558	Grey - HF Card printing	371.42		
12-Oct	559	USPS - Tech Office HF Mailing	466.54		
24-Oct	560	John Brooks - HF 12 dz donuts	71.88		
26-Oct	561	Green's Kitchen - HF Dinner	446.25		
29-Oct	562	ARRL - VEC	120.00		
Total Debits			1476.09		
Note: HF = Hamfest related					
Deposits					
19-Oct		Dues - Kalman, Billy V, H Peavy - 2 yrs ea		60.00	
30-Oct		VE Fees		105.00	
30-Oct		Dues - Finley, 2 yrs		20.00	
30-Oct		HF Proceeds		2,840.47	
29-Oct		CUBE - Silent auction		24.31	
Total Deposits				3049.78	
31-Oct		Statement	9,968.73		
Outstanding					
29-Oct	562	ARRL - VEC	120.00		
Total Outstanding checks			120.00		
31-Oct		Checkbook balance	9,848.73		9,848.73
		Adjusted CB Balance	9,968.73		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Oct		TARA Balance			320.08
31-Oct		SARA Balance less TARA			9,528.65

Renewals Due - November

Giles	Bear	KB5VIE
Oty	Jim	WB5GWH

Renewal Past Due

Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Huang	Casper	KF5GVL
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP
Rader	Al	WA5POL

Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer