



MINUTES
February 13, 2013

W5AQA

Call to order

7:30 PM, President Ray Calkins, N0RBT, presiding
16 members, 2 guests present (see attachment 1)

Introductions

Sterling Coffey
Christopher Petmecky

Announcements

- Input from the floor
Some hamfest fliers returned
Bear feels some Search & Rescue attendees might come to LEPC meeting
Society of Radio Astronomers toured VLA (Coffey/Boswell)

Minutes for January 2013 approved

(as posted at www.socorroara.org)

Reports

- Treasury: Jim Lommen, KC7QY
(as submitted, see attachment 2)
- ARES: Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Neither Vern nor Prescott will be heading up ARES; Vern and Jon discussed the essentials of the DEC position. A meeting of ARES-interested members was held after the meeting.
- LEPC: Doug May, KFAVG
Rewrite of plans underway; there will be meeting 2/21, 10:00 at the County Annex
- Charter School: Jon Spargo, KC5NTW
Science night at Cottonwood 2/14, station will be on air, will be star party
Antenna guy-wire slack; needs repair; Jon, Al & Glenn discussed ladder availability
Jon is on last chapter of book; will start on question pool; suggests VE session late April
Indicates VE session should be coordinated with blitz; KYRN interview still pending
Needs guidance as to giving exam to reading-challenged candidate; Al will check
- D-STAR: Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Still works; lots of net activity. Brad notes there is still work to be done at the repeater site, including moving the 2m rig to the new rack
- TARA Billy Valliant, KF5IVN
TARA re-registered club with student government with goal of licensing 10 students; 4 – 5 students interested in license; has questions about transferring money to a student government account and maintaining that as the TARA treasury account; no nets being run because of antenna issue.

Old Business

- 'Blitz' license session(s)
One response to PR was for general license
Schedule for blitz; start blitz Friday PM 4/19; VE 4/21 3PM
Billy will try to arrange room for blitz
- Radio Room technical considerations
Glenn thinks 3 more VHF radios, 1 more UHF, D-STAR, 800 MHz; 8 public service radios total; he cautions about glitches at generator switchover, says computer UPS systems work fine; he says that batteries ought to be spec'd to last at least 8 hours; some talk of wanting solar backup; generator comes up once a week, Glenn has seen no issues; he says that he sees a potential for all radios running at same time; there is a need to plan for ALL the radios running at once; this equates to approximately 1KW DC power; Glenn thinks perhaps 4 operators; Grey doesn't understand setting technical specs in the absence of firm operational requirements. Ray suggests firming this up off line.
- Hamfest committee
HRO will give us a schedule of discounts for the Hamfest for selected radios
Still need to confirm with Joel; Grey will follow up
Henry Newton & Jon Spargo will take photos of 2013 Hamfest
- Field Day committee
No report

New Business

- Input from the floor
Glenn reports that the MRO repeater & duplexer ok'd by Paul Choc; Grey & Calkins are going up with Dan Klinglesmith to check out the MRO antenna system
Jim Lommen reports that NMT Science fair is coming up April 6th; maybe a special event HF station would be of interest? Run as KC5ORO? But what do we do for an antenna?? Jon reports about event at Charter School; hams present to help would be appreciated; ditto folks monitoring repeater to talk back? Jon mentioned comet Panstarrs.
- Bylaws
Changes relative to providing for succession proposed and presented; changes will be posted on our web site; Jon Spargo spoke to the necessity of provision for a streamlined succession of officers and preservation of corporate history and account information; Bear suggested verbally perhaps the position should be filled for only four months, and then have an election.

Presentation

- Jim Boswell, TenTec acrobat center insulator
No presentation (speaker absent)

Good of the Organization/Other

- Input from the floor
Again, reports are requested to be submitted to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

8:48 PM
Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Secretary

Attachment 1

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Sign-in Sheet for February 13, 2013

Name		Call	Initials	Comments (please print clearly)
Aguilar	Luis	WB5JMD		
Albrecht	Eric (Bear)	W5VZB	SKA	
Bergam	Naomi	KF5DTO		
Boswell	Jim	KA5SIW		
Bowman	Anneliese	AD6UY	AB	
Braun	Al	AC5BX	ABP	
Braun	Sandy	KB5YIX	SSB	
Brundage	Bill	NM5WB		
Calkins	Ray	N0RBT	RC	
Elias	Nick	N3AIU		
Finley	Dave	N1IRZ		
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP		
Giles	Bear	KB5VIE		
Giles	Myra	family		
Grey	Prescott	W1PCG	PCG	
Huang	Casper	KF5GVL		
Johnson	Dave	KB5YIW		
Leavitt	Vern	KD5UHB	VL	
Lommen	Jim	KC7QY		
Lommen	Penny	family		
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF	SM	
May	Doug	KF5AVG	DM	
Newton	Henry	KC5WYA	HN	
Oravec	Kalman	AJ5B	KA	
Oty	Alice	KC5NTZ		
Oty	Jim	WB5GWH	JO	
Peavey	Howard	K9PV		
Rader	Al	WA5POL		
Rehnert	Tom	N5PLX		
Riley	Paula	family		
Seagraves	Clarence	AA5RH		
Silva	Rick	WA6ES		
Smith	Brad	KD5JNI	BS	
Snyder	Ryan	KC5WDT		
Spargo	Jon	KC5NTW	JS	
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG		
Starhardt	Eric	KF5QLI		
Valliant	Billy	KF5IVN	WV	
Wolf	Ken	KC5HGG		
Coffey	Sterling	NØSSC	dc	New Guy from Rolla, MO. Working @ VLA
Petmehy	Christie		CP	

**Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Treasurer's Report
January 31, 2013**

Transactions		Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr				
January-13	Opening Balance			8,224.53
Debits Check				
	Total Debits	0.00		
Deposits				
15-Jan	Dues: Leavett (fam), Seagraves and New Member			
	Henry Newton KC5WYA		35.00	
	Total Deposits		35.00	
31-Jan	Statement	8,259.53		
Outstanding				
	Total Outstanding checks	-		
31-Jan	Checkbook balance	8,259.53		8,259.53
	Adjusted CB Balance	8,259.53		
	Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Jan	TARA Balance			376.08
31-Jan	SARA Balance less TARA			7,883.45

Renewals Due -

Braun	Al	AC5BX
Braun	Sandy	KB5YIX

Renewal Past Due

Giles	Bear	KB5VIE
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Huang	Casper	KF5GVL
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP
Rader	Al	WA5POL

Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer