



W5AQA

MINUTES
April 10, 2013

Call to order

7:31 PM, President Ray Calkins, N0RBT, presiding
13 members, 1 guest present (see attachment 1)

Introductions

None

Announcements

- Input from the floor
Bear notes that we can/should proceed with nominating committee election. Motion was made by Bear, seconded by Grey to so modify the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes for March 2013 approved

(as posted at www.socorroara.org)

Reports

- Treasury: Jim Lommen, KC7QY
(as submitted, see attachment 2)
- ARES, LEPC: Doug May, KFAVG
Melissa Harris was elected as LEPC Secretary. Jim Ahrens of LA Luz, NM, and Tom Zumbro from Socorro, will present a power-point presentation on the work of the Baptist Disaster Relief in Ruidoso during the Little Bear Fire at the Thursday, April 18 LEPC meeting at 10:00 AM in the County Annex. Since I am no longer an officer in the LEPC, I suggest you ask Bear to do the LEPC report.

I have been formally appointed as DEC by ARRL. It would be helpful to have ARES meetings at least once each month. We need to plan, train and exercise as a team to be ready the assist the County EOC. I am soliciting your suggestions for possible times to meet.

- Charter School: Jon Spargo, KC5NTW
The class is now reviewing and taking practice exams for the upcoming VE session. My second grader, Riley, would like to take the test. He has a reading disability. The school principal, Karin Williams, has volunteered to read the questions on the exam for him. She would be an excellent choice. First, Riley would be completely at ease with her. Second, Karin has no knowledge of the subject and so would not be able to help him with the answers, even if she wanted to.

On a second topic, The wind is wreaking havoc on the dipole antenna support (tree) on the NW side of the ham shack. I have obtained permission to install a pole near the tree

that can be used to tie off the antenna. There is, however, one potential problem. The school is planning to remove some of the old classroom pods and replace them with new ones. The preferred path for doing this is right under the NW part of the dipole. As a minimum we will probably have to unhook and stow that portion of the antenna while the pods are being moved. The worst case would be that we would also have to remove the pole. I would like some help with this. Also, the tuner on loan does not work well. Map to Spear 15 requested.

- TARA Billy Valliant, KF5IVN
TARA relocation: I spoke with Jim McLain, a manager in facilities, about TARA's upcoming relocation and he offered to look around for a spot for the club. One suggestion was Workman's roof however he didn't know if there was any available space for operating. The other suggestion was to use one of the vacant offices in the research operations building. A third suggestion was the old campus police building however I explained to him that it might not be a good spot because of the radio communications issues that the Campus Police are experiencing. He offered to take down the large Di-pole antenna for free if I could wait until renovations begin.

Ham Blitz:

I have three students that claim to be there for the upcoming blitz session however I don't know how committed they are considering that I haven't seen any of them at any one of the open houses at the TARA Ham Shack. I will have to miss out on April 20th's session if the weather is fair for a test launch of our competition rocket for my Junior design clinic so I will start hitting the books.

Old Business

- Nominating committee
The motion was made, seconded and passed (Grey /Calkins) for Al Braun to Chair the Nominating Committee, and for Jim Boswell, Jim Lommen, and Prescott Grey to assist him.
- 'Blitz' license session(s)
Jim Boswell wants to setup a radio demo at Tech Saturday 4/13; Billy will work to help him select a spot and time. Jon would like a map to Spear 15. Jim & Prescott suggested additional instructors would be appreciated.
- Bylaws
Tom Frawley suggested that the phrasing of the proposed changes in Article IV, section 2 be changed to read "... shall be a non-voting member of the board. ...". The motion was made, seconded and passed (Grey /Boswell) that this change be included. The proposed changes, which have been well circulated and are posted at www.socorroara.org, will be voted on at the annual meeting.
- Radio Room technical considerations
The motion was made, seconded and passed (Grey /May) for Doug, Bear and Jim Lommen deliver white paper to Fred and discuss it with him, and also try to understand from Fred what he expects from SARA.

- Hamfest committee
Grey still expects that HRO will do something in the way of offering a list of discounts, still need to flesh out how that is going to work. Still have not heard from RT Systems; will follow up. Have been in touch with Larry Bissey, KD5MXK, regarding a MARS seminar. Has asked help from Division to get a keynote speaker from ARRL Headquarters; preference would be ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, K11U. Jim Lommen notes that he has submitted the application for money from the lodger's tax account. Grey notes that it would be nice to increase the flier count to 6000, but that using TARA's frank again would be important. Ray Calkins and Jim Lommen are working on collating a list of unique call signs from prior Hamfests.
- Field Day committee
Field Day will be at the park at San Antonio, June 22nd, 23rd; Jon Spargo will be field day food supervisor; Jim Boswell will provide a grill.

New Business

- Input from the floor
The motion was made, seconded and passed (Boswell/Grey) for Jim Lommen to purchase a LDG Z100+ tuner for the Charter School. This tuner will support most 100W radios. The cost is approximately \$150.00.

Presentation

- Sterling Coffey, ADRF & Fox Hunting
Sterling gave a presentation on Fox Hunting. The presentation will be circulated to the club.

Good of the Organization/Other

- Input from the floor
There was a discussion regarding reporting ARES support of the EOC and what records are kept to be in compliance with our Professional Services Agreement. Doug made note that the work that Glenn and Vern have done should be reported. Bear suggested that we should consider preparing quarterly reports. Further discussion revolved around assuring that the County receives all of the ARES net reports. Sterling notes that he is going to activate Catron, Sierra, Otero & Lincoln counties for the NM QSO party.

Adjournment

9:35 PM

Prescott Grey, W1PCG

Secretary

Attachment 1

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Sign-in Sheet for April 10, 2013

Name		Call	Initials	Comments (please print clearly)
Aguilar	Luis	WB5JMD		
Albrecht	Eric (Bear)	W5VZB	EA	
Bergam	Naomi	KF5DTO		
Boswell	Jim	KA5SIW	JB	
Bowman	Anneliese	AD6UY	AB	
Braun	Al	AC5BX	AB	
Braun	Sandy	KB5YIX		
Brundage	Bill	NM5WB		
Calkins	Ray	N0RBT	RC	
Elias	Nick	N3AIU		
Finley	Dave	N1IRZ		
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP	T	
Giles	Bear	KB5VIE		
Giles	Myra	family		
Grey	Prescott	W1PCG	PG	
Huang	Casper	KF5GVL		
Johnson	Dave	KB5YIW		
Leavitt	Vern	KD5UHB		
Lommen	Jim	KC7QY	LV	
Lommen	Penny	family		
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF		
May	Doug	KF5AVG	DM	
Oravec	Kalman	AJ5B		
Oty	Alice	KC5NTZ		
Oty	Jim	WB5GWH		
Peavey	Howard	K9PV		
Rader	Al	WA5POL		
Rehnert	Tom	N5PLX		
Riley	Paula	family		
Seagraves	Clarence	AA5RH	CS	
Silva	Rick	WA6ES		
Smith	Brad	KD5JNI	BS	
Snyder	Ryan	KC5WDT		
Spargo	Jon	KC5NTW	S.S.	
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG		
Starhardt	Eric	KF5QLI		
Valliant	Billy	KF5IVN	WV	
Wolf	Ken	KC5HGG		
LOFFEY	STERLING	NØSSC	ML	

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report March 31, 2013

Transactions	Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr March-13 Opening Balance			8,259.53
Debits Check			
Total Debits	0.00		
Deposits			
Total Deposits		0.00	
31-Mar Statement	8,259.53		
Outstanding			
Total Outstanding checks	-		
31-Mar Checkbook balance	8,259.53		8,259.53
Adjusted CB Balance	8,259.53		
Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Mar TARA Balance			376.08
31-Mar SARA Balance less TARA			7,883.45

Renewals Due -		
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF
Spargo	Jon	KC5NTW

Renewal Past Due		
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP
Rader	Al	WA5POL

Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer