



W5AQA

## MINUTES May 14, 2014

### Call to order

7:30 PM, President Dave Johnson, KB5YIW, presiding  
16 members (includes one proxy), no guests present (see attachment 1)

### Introductions

None

### Business Meeting

Minutes for April 2014 approved (as emailed to the membership and posted at [www.socorroara.org](http://www.socorroara.org))

### Announcements

- **Newsletter Editor**  
Henry Newton will be the News Letter Editor. Please feed him information about the club including text and photos. A page for equipment sales can be supported; just feed Henry photos, price, description and point of contact. Dave Johnson points out that, being in digital form, the newsletter can accommodate photos
- **Other**  
Amazon smiles deposited \$32.72 to our account for the first quarter of the year; obviously this is a functional way for SARA to increase our treasury, so all are urged to bookmark <http://smile.amazon.com/> and use it for their Amazon purchases. This link is also available on SARA's homepage.

**Reports** (5 minutes each; detailed written reports must be submitted to newsletter editor on or before the first of each month. If you require more time for discussion of a specific topic, submit it for the agenda.)

- **Treasury** **Jim Lommen, KC7QY**  
See attachment 2 (as submitted)
- **ARES** **Doug May, KF5AVG**  
See attachments 3 & 3A. In the event of an event in the community, monitor 146.68; if not working, go to 146.55, simplex and standby to await any report. Glenn Mauger, WB5OAF, continues installations of antennas and radio equipment in the new Socorro County Emergency Operation Center radio room. Socorro ARES has agreed to man the EOC radio room during an emergency and for emergency exercises.
- **Emergency Management** **Eric Albrecht, W5VZB**  
No report
- **Charter School** **Jon Spargo, KC5NTW**  
Jon will meet with the new principal to see if we can keep this going. If so, we need new books because of the new Technician question pool. Jon notes that the new building that will come in a couple of years should not have a significant impact on maintaining the antenna. There is also interest in getting the weather satellite antenna and receiver installed and attached to a PC to receive and display weather maps.
- **TARA** **Billy Valliant, KF5IVN**  
No report

- **2014 Hamfest** **Prescott Grey, W1PCG**  
No banquet speaker yet, but trying to get Don Scott (note: subsequent to the meeting Don was contacted and agreed). Dave Finley will contact MFJ once again for door prize donations. No volunteers for dedicated table at DCHF? Need volunteers to place signs for Hamfest, Friday night or early Saturday morning. Henry Newton volunteered.
- **Spring Fling Special Event Station** **Jim Lommen, KC7QY**  
Special event at Spring Fling made perhaps thirty contacts with dipole, but had to take down early because of wind. One contact was with a 7 year old working his grandfather's station. Three QSL cards received. An arrangement will be made to replace or repair the damaged EZ UP.
- **Repeater PM** **Dave Johnson, KB5YIW**  
New battery and controller has been purchased for the 68 machine. These will be incorporated into the equipment rack that houses the D-STAR machine, and the 68 machine will be moved to that rack. It turns out that the observed power failure in the 68 machine was due to a corroded fuse. Note that when this move occurs, the 68 machine will be off-air for perhaps 2 hours.

### **Old Business**

- **Term of Membership – See Appendix A (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)**  
A motion was passed to accept modifications to the bylaws as presented in Appendix A, attached, with Dave Johnson, Jim Lommen (and Penny Lommen by proxy) voting “no”. As documented in “Other”, below, this action was reconsidered and reversed.
- **Annual Report on the State of the Inventory (Brad Smith, KD5JNI)**  
List has been developed; details will continue to be collected. Jim Boswell mentioned that Vern might like to get the many feet of donated coax out of his garage. The FT990 is at Radio Shack (waiting to be picked up).
- **Field Day 2014**  
Doug reports that there will not be a joint with Valencia County. Dave will take lead on establishing this year's location. Try San Antonio again?
- **Nominations for Officers**  
Slate as proposed: Dave Johnson, President; Brad Smith, Vice President; Prescott Grey, Secretary; Jim Lommen, Treasurer; and Ray Calkins, Past President. No nominations from the floor.
- **Other**  
Grey moved to reconsider the adoption of “Appendix A”; Bowman seconded. Motion to reconsider was passed unanimously. After considerable discussion, including the idea of establishing a membership chair and proposals about how to alert people to expiring or expired membership, the original motion to adopt Appendix A was rejected by unanimous vote of the members present.

### **New Business**

- **Election of Officers and Designation of Fiscal Agents**  
The proposed slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote of the members present, after which the following motion was approved unanimously: “Dave Johnson, President; Brad Smith, Vice President; Prescott Grey, Secretary; and Jim Lommen, Treasurer, having been duly elected at the 14 May 2014 annual meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association; Penny Lommen, having been previously appointed by the SARA Board of Directors as Fiscal Agent; and Ray Calkins, Past President, are granted signature authority for the Socorro Amateur Radio Association for the purpose of approving checks for debts.”

- **Summer Family Events (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)**  
The date of 20 July was selected for a “Smokeout Pot Luck” to be held at Water Canyon at 1:30. A ‘pub night’ was designated for late Friday afternoons (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays), starting June 13<sup>th</sup> for a beverage & snack starting at 5:30; the first venue will announced at our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Oty reminded us about Saturday mornings at McDonalds (about 7) & Burger King (about 8).

### **Discussion – Club Station**

The current club station will remain in the same area as before; access remains an issue. ARES uses the EOC radio room on regular basis. Dave Johnson will follow up with Fred Hollis regarding access to the club station. Responses to the survey indicated a strong desire for a functional, accessible club station. Other venues, including TARA and the Charter School, are under consideration.

### **Good of the Organization/Other**

- **Input from the floor**  
Jim Oty points out the current ARRL Centennial QSO party statistics >110K contacts; see <https://centennial-qso-party.arrl.org/leader-board.php>. Doug May reminds us of the Tuesday ARES meetings, Tuesday 7:30 pm at the EOC.

### **Adjournment**

8:50 PM  
Prescott Grey, W1PCG  
Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association

## BYLAWS Socorro Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Proposed changes in blue.

### ARTICLE I: OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation shall be established and maintained at 722 N. California St. Socorro, in the County of Socorro, State of New Mexico. This location may be amended by the membership or the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

**Section 1 — Eligibility:** All persons with a bona fide interest in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership in the corporation. Dues and privileges of members shall be determined from time to time by the membership or the Board of Directors, provided that changes shall not be effective until at least 30 days after such action.

**Section 2 — Classes of Membership:** Members may be either Individual Members or Family Members. Family members residing at the same address, including nonresident students who maintain legal residence at that address, qualify for Family Membership, but each individual who is to be considered a Family Member must be specified upon joining or renewal.

**Section 3 — Rights of Members:** All members of record (whether individual or family) are eligible to run for office subject to the specified requirements for officers; may vote in elections of the corporation and on all matters of business brought before the membership; and have equal access to the facilities of the corporation.

For the purpose of mailings and announcements of pending corporate election or business, all family members will be regarded as notified by one notice sent to the mail or email address of record for each Family Membership.

**Section 4 — Dues:** Individual Membership is set at \$10 per year. Dues for Family Memberships are \$15 per year and this amount covers all qualified family members. The corporation may, by a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the corporation. To maintain membership privileges, renewals are due on or before the anniversary date of membership. Lapsed members will be carried on the membership rolls for 45 days after which they will be dropped and must reapply for membership.

**Deleted:** Nonpayment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for loss of membership in the corporation.

**Section 5 — Transfer of Membership:** Membership shall not be transferable.

**Section 6 — Membership Record Date:** In order that the corporation may determine the members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, or entitled to receive allotment of any rights, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, a membership must be recorded 30 days prior to the day of such meeting, or other action.



## Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report April 30, 2014

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
April-14		Opening Balance			9,734.72
<b>Debits</b>					
	Check				
14-Apr	586	ARRL VEC	105.00		
		<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>105.00</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>					
4-Apr		VE Session, Dues Aguilar (2yr)		95.00	
		<b>Total Deposits</b>		95.00	
30-Apr		Statement	9,724.72		
<b>Outstanding</b>					
		Total Outstanding checks	-		
30-Apr		Checkbook balance	9,724.72		9,724.72
		Adjusted CB Balance	9,724.72		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
30-Apr		TARA Balance (441.08 - 30.00 for 2 Exams)		Current	411.08
30-Apr		<b>SARA Balance less TARA</b>			<b>9,313.64</b>

Renewals Due -June		
Albrecht	Eric(Bear)	W5VZB

Renewal Past Due		
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP

**Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer**

Attachment 3

To:

Mike Scales	K5SCA	SEC	Dave Johnson	KB5YIW	SARA President
Bill Kauffman	W5YEJ	Section Manager	Prescott Grey	W1PCG	SARA Secretary
Jay Miller	W5LEF	Traffic Mngr, ASEC	Bear Albrecht	W5VZB	Socorro EOC Mngr
Jim Lommen	KC7QY	Socorro EC	Fred Hollis,		Socorro County EM

Socorro County ARES Report  
For April, 2014

On 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings we participate in the NM ARES/RACES, 3939 Net from our base station W5AQA in the Socorro County EOC.

We participate in the Socorro ARES 146.680 MHz Nets on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays at 8:00 PM. The following served as net control: Jim Lommen KC7QY, Al Braun AC5BX, Eric Stargardt KF5RCN and Sandy Braun KB5YIX.

Al Braun AC5BX handled one Winlink message during the month.

Participation of ARES Members and Others in Various Events

Event	Socorro ARES	Others	Total
4 Wed. 146.68 Socorro ARES Nets	28	13	41
3 Wednesday Socorro Simplex Nets	16	1	17
1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday NM ARES Nets	5		
Apr. 9 SARA meeting	8	7	15
Apr. 12 FCC exams	2	3	5
Apr. 15 Training Session	4		4
Apr. 17 County LEPC meeting	3		3
Apr. 26 W5AQA Special Event station	4		4
2nd & 4th Sundays WinLink net	1		1
3 Thursday Tri-County ARES Nets	15		15

Every Thursday we participate in the tri-county (Valencia, Socorro & Torrance Counties) net at 7:30 PM using the Upper Rio FM Society linked repeaters: Capilla Peak 146,960 MHz. Charlie Lyon NM5CL is net control. In Socorro we can hear Capilla Peak 146.96 clearly and respond on 146.68 or use the 446.250 crossband repeater to hit the Capilla Peak repeater.

During the Tri-County 146.55 Simplex Net on April 24 Al Braun AC5BX from his base station was able to contact George Cusack K6GTC south of Mountainair.

The Socorro County ARES group continues to meet with the Socorro Amateur Radio Association on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Socorro County Annex.

On Saturday, April 26 Jim Lommen KC7QY, assisted by Luis Aguilar WB5JMD, Dave Johnson WB5YIW and Doug May KF5AVG, set up a Special Event Station W5AQA at the Socorro County Fair Grounds. 30 contacts were made on 20 meters using an inverted vee antenna. The station was dismantled because of high winds and dust.

Doug May KF5AVG Socorro DEC

