



MINUTES April 8, 2015

W5AQA

Call to order

7:30 PM, President Dave Johnson, KB5YIW, presiding
18 members, 2 guests present (see attachment 1)

Introductions:

Rob Greiner, KG5GOL; Ed James, KA8JMW; Carol James, N5ZYP; Chris Hanson, KG5GOM

Program

Ed James, KA8JMW: Rocky Mountain Ham Radio (RMHR) 5-GHz Microwave IP Amateur Radio Network

Business Meeting

Minutes for March 11, 2015 approved (as emailed to the membership and posted at www.socorroara.org)

Reports

- Treasury Jim Lommen, KC7QY
See attachment 2.
- ARES Al Braun, AC5BX
See attachment 3. Also: see please Al for an updated membership list.
- Charter School Jon Spargo, KC5NTW
Things are going well. We've finished the book and are now taking practice exams in preparation for the VE session on the 26th. I wish to also confirm that the common room at the Cottonwood Valley Charter School has been reserved for the VE session from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday April 26, 2015. I will have the keys and let everybody in.

Old Business

- NM QSO Party to the Field Jim Lommen, KC7QY
SARA will activate Catron County, setting up a Datil Wells and running from 8-8 Saturday. This year it is sponsored by Rocky Mountain Ham Radio. Note: QRV Friday at the Eagle Guest Ranch for those attending the QSO party.
- Report of the Nominating Committee Doug May, KF5AVG
The committee offers Jim Lommen, KC7QY for president; Brad Smith, KD5JNI for vice-president; Prescott Grey, W1PCG, for secretary; Clarence Seagraves, AA5RH for treasurer; and Dave Johnson, KB5YIW, for past-president. Nominations remain open until voting in May. See attachment 4 for their full report.
- Car Rally
If we provide coverage for the Camino Real Run car rally on Labor Day weekend we'll need to use the NM MegaLink to avoid simplex relays, or use the 68 machine and provide extra operators for use of simplex relays.

New Business

- Badges for new member/hams Dave Johnson, KB5YIW
It was moved and approved that we provide new members with one of our 'official' badges.

- **Annual Meeting: May 13th, 2015** **Dave Johnson, KB5YIW**
Please be sure to come to the annual meeting on May 13th. A quorum of at least 11 people, counting proxies, will be required to conduct business.
- **Field Day Planning** **Jim Boswell, KA5SIW**
Field day is June 27th; Jim is on top of it. Will report on details in future meetings.
- **Summer Picnic Date**
We will have a summer picnic Sunday July 26th at the upper campground in Water Canyon.
- **Other**
Eric Stargardt, KF5RCN, spoke to the Tech Search and Rescue (SAR) folks about SARA and the possibility of SARA making presentations to SAR and SAR making presentations to SARA. Eric started our Facebook page and mentioned a continuing interest in helping with PR. Prescott, W1PCG, offered him the public relations CD from ARRL.

Adjournment

8:44 PM

Prescott Grey, W1PCG

Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association

Attachment 1

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Sign-in Sheet for April 8, 2015				
Name		Call	Initials	Comments (please print clearly)
Aguilar	Luis	WB5JMD	LA	
Albrecht	Eric (Bear)	W5VZB	2EA	
Bergam	Naomi	KF5DTO		
Boswell	Jim	KA5SIW	B	
Bowman	Anneliese	AD6UY		
Braun	Al	AC5BX	AB	
Braun	Sandy	KB5YIX		
Brundage	Bill	NM5WB		
Caldwell	Bill	N5OBR		
Calkins	Ray	N0RBT		
Finley	Dave	N1IRZ		
Greiner	Robert	K6G6DL	RG	
Grey	Prescott	W1PCG	PCG	
Hughes	Bob	KF5VGX	BH	
James	Ed	KA8JMW	JF	
Johnson	Dave	KB5YIW	DBJ	
Leavitt	Vern	KD5UHB		
Lommen	Jim	KC7QY	ML	
Lommen	Penny	family		
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF		
May	Doug	KF5AVG	DM	
Newton	Henry	KC5WYA	HN	
Oravec	Kalman	AJ5B	KA	
Oty	Alice	KC5NTZ		
Oty	Jim	WB5GWH	LO	
Peavey	Howard	K9PV		
Rader	Al	WA5POL		
Riley	Paula	family		
Seagraves	Clarence	AA5RH	CS	
Smith	Brad	KD5JNI	BS	
Snyder	Ryan	KC5WDT		
Spargo	Jon	KC5NTW	JS	
Stargardt	Eric	KF5RCN	EF	
Valliant	Billy	KF5VHA		
Wolf	Ken	KC5HGG		
HANSON	CHRIS	K6S6OM	CH	CHRISHANSONSTUDIO@GMAIL.COM

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report March 31, 2015

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
March-15		Opening Balance			9,083.37
Debits					
	Check				
11-Mar	607	D Johnson - FT-990 board	138.45		
Total Debits			138.45		
Deposits					
26-Mar		Dues - Valliant, Renert (2 yrs)		30.00	
Total Deposits				30.00	
31-Mar		Statement	8,974.92		
Outstanding					
Total Outstanding checks			-		
31-Mar		Checkbook balance	8,974.92		8,974.92
		Adjusted CB Balance	8,974.92		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Mar		TARA Balance		Current	411.08
31-Mar		SARA Balance less TARA			8,563.84

Renewal Due - April		
Johnson	Dave	KB5YIW
Peavey	Howard	K9PV

Renewal Due - May		
Hughes	Bob	KF5VGX
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF

Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Socorro County Month: March Year: 2015

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 18 Change since last month: 0 (+, -, or same)

Local Net Name: Socorro County ARES Net Total sessions 4

NTS liaison is maintained with the NM ARES HF Net

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month 9 Person hours 35

Number of public service events this month: 0 Person hours ?

Number of emergency operations this month: Person hours

Total number of ARES operations this month: 9 Total Person hours 35

Comments:

Signature: Al Braun Title: (EC or DEC) DEC Call sign: AC5BX

Please send to your SEC or DEC as appropriate by 2nd of the month FSD-212 (1-04)

SESSIONS are training meetings, drills or other times that the team gets together to practice their skills.

EVENTS are planned actions (fairs, rally, races, etc) that the team participates in for communications.

OPERATIONS are emergency activations by the EOC or Emergency Manger or other official requesting assistance from ARES for communications.

Net/Meeting Participation Report

from 2015.03.01 to 2015.03.31

			SARA only	SARA & ARES	ARES only	Total
155	2015.03.26	Tri-County ARES Net	6	6	7	21
154	2015.03.25	Socorro County ARES Net	14	13	15	18
153	2015.03.19	Tri-County ARES Net	3	3	4	11
152	2015.03.18	Socorro County ARES Net	10	8	10	14
151	2015.03.15	New Mexico ARES/EMCOM Net	5	5	7	24
150	2015.03.12	Tri-County ARES Net	4	4	5	20
156	2015.03.11	SARA Meeting	14	7	7	14
149	2015.03.05	Tri-County ARES Net	1	1	2	18
147	2015.03.04	Socorro County ARES Net	8	6	6	10
146	2015.03.01	New Mexico ARES/EMCOM Net	5	5	7	16
Participation Totals			70	58	70	166

Attachment 4

SARA Nominating Committee Report April 8, 2015

The members of the Nominating Committee have contacted a number of our club members to determine their interests and availability, hoping to stimulate more involvement.

We have listed 11 Club responsibilities.

1. Maintain the Club repeater 146.68 on M Mountain, *
2. Maintain the D Star repeater on M Mountain *
3. Host the annual Socorro Ham Fest *
4. Provide emergency communications for Socorro County and other emergency responders during an incident, ARES
5. Public service: Assist community activities with communications, such as the Chili Harvest Triathlon and radio license classes.*
6. VEs administering examinations for amateur operator licenses. *
7. Equip and maintain a club radio room for the use of our members, *
8. Plan programs for the monthly meetings. *
9. Maintain the website www.socorroara.org
10. Monthly Newsletter
11. Organize Field Day and QSOs *

There are several observations that have come from the survey of members:

1. On average there is a great deal of talent and experience in our membership.
2. Most of our members have numerous outside responsibilities that limit their time available for club activities.
3. We estimate that 21 of our present 33 members are likely to respond to serving in a limited way in one of more of the club's responsibilities

We have two recommendations that may increase member involvement:

1. Eight of the responsibilities listed below are marked with an *. We recommend that each of these be the responsibility of a 3-person committee that reports to the membership. Some members may only be involved in one area of responsibility and others may be involved in two or more. Each committee will include one Board Member. These committees may recruit other helpers and apply for funding from the club.
2. The club leadership should write a paragraph or two outlining what is to be accomplished by each committee and specify limiting conditions, if any. The committee members should be selected by the Board and personally recruited. Requests for volunteers should be used only for specific, short duration jobs, such as addressing invitations or setting up for an event. The President should be an enabler helping the committees to their jobs.

We feel that this concept of shared responsibility might create more interest and participation.

Dave Johnson KE5YIW automatically becomes Past President. The following members have been chosen by the Nominating Committee and have agreed to serve if elected.

President	Jim Lommen KC7QY
Vice President	Brad Smith KD5JNI
Secretary	Prescott Grey W1PCG
Treasurer	Clarence Seagraves AA5RH

At the April 8 SARA meeting members may nominate additional candidates. Those nominated must have already agreed to serve if elected. The election will take place at the May meeting.

The Nominating Committee:

Doug May KF5AVG
Clarence Seagraves AA5RH
Jon Spargo KC5NTW

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