

SARA minutes 2016-09-14

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by President Jim Lommen, twelve members in attendance.

Program: Greg Taylor gave a long and detailed presentation about the Long Wavelength Array; there are two sites in New Mexico. One is on the VLA grounds, and the other is at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge. There is also a Caltech site in Owens Valley, California. More info is available at <http://lwa.unm.edu> and there will be show-and-tell during Celebrate Sevilleta, October 22.

Announcements:

The agenda, as published, was approved on a motion by Jon Spargo.  
Minutes of the August 10 meeting were approved on a motion by Dave Johnson.

Reports

Treasurer reported a healthy balance as usual; details not available.

Charter school: Jon Spargo reported that there are four students involved with the program, and that the siding is on the building and it's time to finish antenna work. Good time for work parties is Tuesday afternoons at 3 PM.

TARA: Skyler Fennel reported that at the NMT Club Fair there were about 50 people who signed up as interested, and twelve came to the first meeting (September 8). Meetings will continue every other Thursday at the SAC.

Hamfest:

- Jim Boswell will do the silent auction, and would like to have things ASAP so that he can ascertain that they are in working order.
- The banquet will be at the Bodega, prepaid only. There will be a PayPal signup link on the web site.

Old Business:

Picnic — Saturday-Sunday September 17-18; the Group Camp at Water Canyon has been reserved.

New Business: Bear Albrecht suggested that we have a "lab night on the fourth Wednesday, wherein we can do actual radio stuff. That can include getting a real club station together in the "lower room". Consensus was to show up at 7 PM on said evenings.

Jon Spargo put forth the idea that Tuesday afternoons present an excellent elmering opportunity at the Charter School. He then moved we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Bear Albrecht W5VZB  
Secretary