



Socorro Amateur Radio Association Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, held in the EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Jim Lommen.

Eighteen members were in attendance.

The meeting began with a presentation by Skyler Fennel KD0WHB, entitled AllStar Network Overview, about various digital and analog modes. It included demonstrations; one demo contact included hams in California, Texas, and Liverpool England.

Announcements

Socorro Hamfest will be as planned on 15 October at the Fire Academy.

Business Meeting

Agenda approved on a motion by Dave Johnson

Minutes of the September 14, 2016 Meeting were approved on a motion by Dave Johnson

Reports:

- Treasury — Anneliese Bowman AD6UY
- ARES — Al Braun AC5BX: preparing for the Great Shakeout Drill on the 20th (scenario: earthquake)
- Charter School — Jon Spargo KC5NTW: there are four students; a dipole has been ordered from MFJ and is presently back-ordered.
- TARA — Skyler Fennel KD0WHB: access efforts proceeding on Workman building. Discussed D-Star.
- Hamfest — Jim Lommen KC7QY: Setup will be at 3 PM, banquet starts socially at 5:30, dinner at 6:00

Old Business:

- Repeater site rental: Rent to be paid to Tech for the repeater site, per the requirements of the State Land Office, engendered a lengthy discussion, at the end of which Dave Johnson moved that we pay the requested amount, consisting of a \$200 application fee and the first year's rent of \$573.77. The motion was amended such that we form a committee to study alternate sites. Motion passed.
- Reroofing the Garden Shed — no action.
- Sara Picnic at Water Canyon — enjoyable though sparsely attended.
- Lab Night — nothing has happened yet; will try again October 26.

New Business:

- Holiday Party venue will need to be established; to be discussed at the next meeting.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM on a motion by Ray Calkins.

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Secretary