

SARA Minutes — November 9, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:31 PM with 17 members and four guests

Introductions

Program: a presentation about the Festival of the Cranes by Jim Lommen

Announcements

12th Tailgate in Intel parking lot in Rio Rancho

Festival of the Cranes Nov 15-20

Agenda approved on a motion by Dave Johnson

Minutes of the October 12 meeting approved on a motion by Dave Johnson

Reports

Treasurer: Ann Bowman

opening bank balance	8513.27
deposits	2546.03
closing balance	10685.36
TARA's portion	411.08
SARA balance	10274.28

Also, PayPal has \$590 for us and Ann can't log in; will coordinate that with Jim. Cash deposits were 1887.03, and various revenue streams were commingled; we need a system for handling the money at the hamfest.

ARES report: the December net will be on the Standard Time schedule, at 5 PM on the first Sunday, 3999 KHz). There was a MARS net contact on 60 m, which band is shared between MARS and ham use.

Charter School — Jon Spargo was out with flu; he submitted a report that the antenna is ready to install, and that the four students are on chapter 4.

TARA report by Skyler Fennel: The repeater project is proceeding, and they have approval for roof & penthouse access on the Workman building. The repeater coordination is done and it will be 447.125 MHz in (PL 100) and 442.125 MHz out. The club is in good standing with SGA, having gotten community service hours logged at the Haunted House.

Hamfest report: Jim Lommen spoke about followup paperwork.

Old business — repeater site rental; Jim Lommen has a meeting the next morning (November 10) at 10 AM to finalize the arrangements. The access question has been

dealt with as part of the agreement. Private vehicles may go up the mountain as long as they are four-wheel drive and the operator has had the safety course.

Lab night Jan 25 7 PM. It is suggested that we get a static mat. There's various test equipment, some from Jim Harrison bequest. A major initial objective is to get a club station going.

Holiday party will be at 6 pm on December 14 at the San Antonio Community Building, per a motion by Bear Albrecht. Signup will be on web or by email.

There was discussion about 900 MHz ISM brought up by Skyler. No ham activity is allowed here on 900 but what about ISM? Jim Boswell will run the question by Dan Merteley, the interference guru at the VLA.

New Business: D-star & repeater discussions.

Hamfest discussions included the need for some kind of a debriefing or review session while memories are fresh. There were also some discussions about signs and food. Bear will check with Lucky Signs for options, like the plastic corrugated stuff. Re food, Domino's may be able to do the event; need to check with them.

Adjourned on a motion by Dave Johnson at 8:28

Bear Albrecht
Secretary