



Minutes of the meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association, March 8, 2017.
Meeting was held in the Emergency Management Conference Room at the County Annex,
198 Neel Avenue, and called to order by President Jim Lommen at 7:31 PM

Program: Mike Lozano K0NGA, on DMR Basics (presented by Jim Lommen KC7QY)

Announcements:

- NM QSO Party (Sponsored by SARA): 8 April
- Mesilla Valley Bean Feed: 6 May
- Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Cody, Wyoming): 26–28 May
- Central States VHF Society Convention: 27–30 July
- Chile Harvest Triathlon: 5 Aug
- Duke City Hamfest: 11–13 Aug
- Other

BUSINESS MEETING

- Approval of Agenda on a motion by Dave Johnson
- Approval of minutes for the February 8, 2017 meeting on a motion by Dave Johnson

REPORTS

- Treasury: Anneliese Bowman AD6UY — bank statement not in yet.
Per President we did get the Lodgers' Tax money, and some from TARA.
- ARES: Doug May — NMT PD would like assistance with May 13 graduation; report submitted. Would like six to eight radio operators. Dave Finley will be net control; will have an orientation a week or two before. Uniform cap and vest recommended, \$32 for the set. Doug May will be sending in an order soon. Also Tyler brought up an offroad club event for March 25 which is another service possibility.
- Charter School: Jon Spargo KC5NTW — both HF and 2-meter antennas are up and working. Jon has been getting the kids on the air some afternoon, with some great contacts Cinder block protecting the ground stake was migrating randomly around the campus until Jon wrote on it "Danger, 1 million ohms". Also, after talking with Seth Price, Jon proposes April 23 for VE session, Sunday 1 PM; location to be determined in time for ARRL registration (1 month lead time).

- TARA: Skyler Fennel KD0WHB — repeater is up, working fairly well; a little noise chasing.
- Repeater Site Evaluation: Dave Johnson KB5YIW — committee has not met lately; will be rescheduling a meeting soon.
- Nominating Committee: Jim Boswell KA5SIW — not much yet.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reroofing the shed, Dave Johnson — hopes to complete it
- Lab Night — nothing happened last time. Some ideas floated.
- Newsletter Discussion — still no replacement editor has arrived.

NEW BUSINESS

- Field Day 24–25 June — discussions; no actions.
- Membership Dues Schedule Revision — discussions regarding costs and revenues, badges and patches, postage and repeaters. Discussions will continue and perhaps result in a proposal for modification of the bylaws.
- Jon Spargo suggests that a large 2-meter antenna (owned by the club) stored at the charter school, and there is no good way to mount it on the building that the hamshack is in. Since another antenna has been provided, the one in question probably ought to be brought back over to the Annex.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:43 PM

Bear Albrecht
Secretary