



Minutes of the meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association, April 12, 2017.
Meeting was held in the Emergency Management Conference Room at the County Annex, 198 Neel Avenue, and called to order by Vice President Brad Smith at 7:33 PM

Announcements:

- 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.
- Tailgate session in Albuquerque 29 Aug., dawn to noon, 1400 Eubank SE.
- Tech Graduation May 13; SARA members will help NMT PD with parking. Doug May is the coordinator, and Dave Finley will be net control.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Free-form Agenda, accepted by consensus
- Approval of minutes for the March 8, 2017 meeting on a motion by Dave Johnson

REPORTS

- Treasury: Anneliese Bowman AD6UY. The club came out ahead on the Hamfest by \$556.23. March bank activity: starting balance \$11208.48, debits 69.28, deposit 10.00, ending at \$11159.90. Of that TARA has \$687.08 and the club has \$10472.82
- ARES, Al Braun: the usual nets were held, and there will be an exercise May 6.
- Charter School, Jon Spargo: the 2-meter antenna is up and functioning, and the old long vertical has been stored in the high bay in the back of the Annex. Jim Lommen analyzed the HF antenna and said it's good all the way from 40 to 10 m. The class is winding down, and there will be a VE session on Sunday, April 23, at 1 PM, in MSEC 195. Seth Prices has reported that there is something going at Magdalena Schools, and apparent interest in starting a club.
- TARA, Skyler Fennel: TARA was operating on South Baldy for the VHF QSO Party. Also the repeater on 442.125 will soon be down for a while for enhancements.
- Repeater Site Evaluation Report — Dave Johnson gave an exhaustive presentation about prospects, problems, and proposals for the future, both for repeaters and the club in general.

- Nominating Committee: Jim Boswell reported that the following have agreed to stand for election: VP Brad Smith, Secretary Bear Albrecht, Treasurer, Luis Aguilar. So far nobody has agreed to run for President. According to the Bylaws the current President will remain in office until either a successor is elected or he resigns.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reroofing the shed, Dave Johnson, essentially no report.
- Lab Night — People came and did some random hands-on stuff.
- Newsletter — still no replacement editor has arrived.

NEW BUSINESS

- Field Day 24–25 June — discussions; a few options discussed.
- 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.

ADJOURNMENT happened around 8:50 PM after a motion by Dave Johnson.

Bear Albrecht
Secretary