

Socorro Amateur Radio Association —Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2017

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

Twenty members were in attendance, constituting a quorum, being over one third of the total of thirty-nine members. There were in addition three proxies presented.

The meeting began with a talk by Nick Keller about the Socorro Farmers' Market. November through May the market is in the back of the Finley building; the market assembles in the Plaza during June through October, 9 AM Saturdays. There were 190 customers at the first session in June. There are also markets on Wednesdays at Alamo from 1 to 3 PM and Magdalena from 4 to 6 PM. For further information call 835-8650.

Announcements: Field Day activities in the region include Bosque Farms in Valencia County, and the Datil Well Campground in Catron County.

There was a motion to approve the proposed agenda by Tom Janca, with a motion by Bear Albrecht to modify it to omit approval of the minutes of the previous meeting since they were not available. Motions passed.

The election of officers for the coming year then proceeded; nominations in place were for Brad Smith for Vice President, Luis Aguilar for Treasurer, and Bear Albrecht for Secretary. Tom Janca volunteered to serve as President and was thus nominated by Jim Boswell. Jon Spargo moved to close the nominations, passed, and to accept the slate, also passed.

In summary, the Executive Committee will now consist of:

- Past President Jim Lommen
- President Tom (a.k.a Reese) Janca
- Vice President Brad Smith
- Treasurer Luis Aguilar
- Secretary Bear Albrecht

Reports: Treasurer's Report: The month began with \$11,070.09; receipts consisted of \$10.65 from Amazon Smile and renewals & donations totaling \$80.00. The ending balance is \$11,160.74, of which \$645.45 belongs to TARA. SARA's balance is \$10,515.29. (Note: in the Amazon Smile program, Amazon donates one half percent of sales to designated organizations; to assign your smiles to SARA, go to smile.amazon.com.)

ARES report by Al Braun: the usual nets on VHF.

Charter School report by Jon Spargo: There is a new exam question pool going into effect on the first of July. Jon has not heard from Seth Price lately. There is some interest in classes from Magdalena but it's stalled at present.

TARA report: nil, school's out.

Repeater Committee: Dave Johnson has stepped down as chairman, and there was no meeting this month.

Old Business:

There is a need for hopefully twelve operators for the Quebradas bike race on September 23; as a minimum, six sites are priority. The race is a 9-1/2 mile loop, one to three laps. Operators need a AA pack for their radio, shade, chair, and water.

Field Day discussion:

Lab Night: the last one, on the fifth Wednesday in May, drew eight people. Brad Smith and William Heller made a broadband hamnet mesh link and an IRC contact via the link, along with other social and technical activities. The next Lab Night will be June 28.

Newsletter: Anne Bowman has stepped forward to try her hand at it.

New Business: Hamfest discussion. Date not set, and use of the Fire Academy is up in the air due to state funding uncertainty. Alternate sites are being researched and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Bear Albrecht, Secretary