

Minutes of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association regular meeting July 12, 2017:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President T. R. Janca in the Emergency Management Conference Room, in the County Annex, 198 Neel Avenue.

Announcements:

- Central States VHF Society Albuquerque, July 27-30 includes a "VHF102" class Sunday for \$15. This is at the Sheraton.
- Chile Harvest Triathlon August 5 needs radio operators. We presently have nine operators, but need backup.
- Duke City Hamfest will be August 11-13 in the Sid Cutter Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park.
- The Quebradas Bicycle Race will be September 23; need volunteer operators, have six, need at least three or four more.
- The SARA Hamfest will be at the Fire Academy on October 21.
- The source of interference on M Mountain may have been found.
- The CQ VHF contest (6 meters and 2 meters only) will be July 15-16
- Reese Janca has an appointment with Dr. Wells about the radio site on the mountain, the State Land Office, DoIT, etc. There was extended discussion.

There was no formal agenda.

Jim Lommen made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting; it was seconded and passed. Jim Lommen also made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting, it too was seconded and passed.

Final task concerning election of officers, appointment as fiscal agents, with signature authority at the bank. Motion by Jim Lommen to designate the following: President T. R. Janca; Vice President Brad Smith; Treasurer Luis Aguilar; and Secretary Bear (Eric K.) Albrecht. Motion was seconded and passed.

Reports

- No treasurer's report was available.
- ARES, Al Braun: Nets going on as usual. Another "shakeout" drill will happen eventually.
- Charter school, Jon Spargo: Status quo, not much will happen until school opens mid-August. Doesn't expect to hear from Seth Price until schools starts either. Still planning to approach Magdalena Schools about getting a program going.
- Repeater Site Evaluation Committee: Dave Johnson has stepped down; Ray Calkins has joined the committee..

Old Business

Quebradas bike race discussed [as mentioned above].

Rocky Mountain Ham Radio did Field Day at Datil Well Campground; they are interested in going there next year also.

New Business:

- The Harvey House Museum in Belen has an event planned for the end of September; there will probably be a Special Event station, with a "1x1" callsign.
- Lab Night will be the 26th, mesh networking and SDR (Software Defined Radio)
- Thanks to Anne Bowman for taking on the newsletter and producing a nice issue.
- Hamfest will be on October 21; we have approval from Brad Brunson at NMFTA; also it has been "blessed" by ARRL. Discussions: We need prizes. Everyone is encouraged to look around for donations. Ideas are welcome, but please coordinate with Jim Boswell so a business doesn't get hit up twice. We can do a VLA tour. As for having a banquet ("Radio Dinner"), we're still thinking about it. Regarding purchasing prizes: recent budgets have been \$1500. Jon Spargo made a motion to allocate that same amount this year. It was seconded and passed. We need to improve our signage for the Hamfest. Discussed ideas about either making or obtaining signage. Reese wants to talk to Kim @ Lucky Signs. For the Silent Auction, we need to get equipment donations ahead of time to ascertain that it's working.

Respectively Submitted,

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