

## Socorro Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes 2017-10-11

Meeting held in the Emergency Management Conference Room at 198 Neel Avenue, Socorro, called to order by Vice President Brad Smith at 7:33 PM. Seventeen members in attendance.

Visitors: Fernando Valdez, studying electrical engineering at UTEP, and working at the VLA until December; Gregory Penn K5JGP <Gregory.Penn@gmail.com>, from Farmington, in grad school at NMSU.

No proposed Agenda had been prepared; in lieu of that a motion was made by Jim Lommen to just proceed with the customary format; that was seconded and approved.

Minutes approval as posted, motion by Jon Spargo, seconded, no additions or corrections, approved.

Reese Janca has informed Jim Lommen that he is stepping down as President. Per the bylaws VP Brad Smith automatically becomes the president. Also noted that Past President Jim Lommen, as a member of the Executive Board, should be a signatory at the bank.

### Reports:

- Treasury report by Luis Aguilar: Opening bank balance \$10,997.95; One deposit \$10, expense \$736.00 for bulk mailing; Closing bank balance \$10,271.95. TARA's portion is \$645.45, SARA's is \$9626.50
- ARES report by Al Braun: Nets continuing as usual; noting time shift in November to Standard Time.
- Charter School report by Jon Spargo: Started year with eight students, including one adult; one has dropped out. About finished with Chapter 3 in the book. For the second year the class has built pickups for guitars that are built in the music class.
- TARA report by Skyler Fennell: Will be doing the "foxhunt" at the hamfest, with two transmitters to make it a little more challenging. Also the club will be conducting a study session next Thursday to get ready for exams. And TARA has a multimode DMR/D-Star/Fusion repeater on the air intermittently. And finally we need to get to West Peak and see what all is in there.
- Repeater committee report by Bear Albrecht: The County has purchased 1.2 GHz D-Star modules and they have been installed; the voice module will not be used initially due to the cost of a necessary triplexer; the data module can be used as soon as the antenna is installed. The Garden Shack has had roofing installed, and it needs more work; the rafters etc. are in bad shape. Brad Smith bought some lumber and requested reimbursement. for \$21.52; Motion to that effect made by Jim Lommen., seconded and passed. Ray Calkins reported that he has been working on the server, and has gotten the gateway reregistered. It fell out of registry due to inactivity. Discussed replacing the computer.

### Old Business:

- Quebradas Bike Race was cancelled due to low registration; several other bike events were taking place around the state.
- Hamfest: Task list has been sent out; if your name is on there and you don't agree, speak up.

The VLA Tour will be Friday afternoon, 1 PM. An "After Action" review planned after wrapup.

- Lab Night: Ray demonstrated a new gizmo with two SDR radios that you can build for \$150 rather than buying one for \$5000 from Garmin. It will show a lot of information about aircraft.

New Business: Christmas party to be held at Bear's again.

Executive Board meeting convened: Jim Lommen moves to appoint Jim Boswell as Vice President, seconded; passed. Brad Smith resigns as President, making Jim Boswell President. Jim Lommen moves to appoint Brad Smith as Vice President, seconded, and passed. The end result is that Jim Boswell is now the President. and Brad Smith is again or still the Vice President.

The following motion was made by Jim Lommen, seconded, and approved unanimously: Let the minutes show "James Boswell, President; Brad Smith, Vice President; Eric K. Albrecht, Secretary; Luis Aguilar, Treasurer; and James Lommen, Past President, are granted signature authority for the Socorro Amateur Radio Association for the purpose of approving checks for debts. T. Reese Janca, having resigned as President shall be removed as a signator."

The Executive Board meeting was then adjourned.

There was no further business and the regular meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 PM.

Eric K. (Bear) Albrecht  
Secretary