

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association August Meeting Minutes

8/7/2021

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Dave Newmyer, Erik Dunn, Adam Lock, Troy Dieckman, Rick Syring, James McCloskey & wife.

Call to Order: Pledge & Prayer. Start at: 10:04AM

Minutes: Approval of minutes from July meeting. Troy, Rick. Approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add to the agenda for discussion?

Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Prorated. Family rate is \$54 per year, also prorated. Still at 22 members.

-Future SES activations to consider:

-Brew Fest & Car Show. Aug 21 in Chapman Park. OptiMystics will donate a space, no power though. Do like Cinco, just have a table. Good PR.

-SLV Potato Festival, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Chapman Park.

-SOTA/POTA Activations. Tentative plans for Sept-Bennett Peak.

New Business:

-Next meeting should be Sept 4. Labor Day Weekend. Delay club meeting one week? Discuss & vote. Troy, Michael. Passes.

-Field day – any feed back. None. Group of kids came over. People showed up Sunday morning.

-Discussion on the disposition of the 2 meter repeater coax cable. Discuss and vote. Due to the monthly fee, tower & internet, number of paid members, decided to not continue with it. Owner taking repeater and equipment back. Communications – will take antenna too & feed line. Club purchased the feed line. Thought is if he wants the feed line, it's too short for use at city site. If we take feed line, would have to pay for its removal. Thought, let Loren have the feed line. Don't have a quorum, can't vote. But recommendation is to do this. We didn't know about upcoming monthly charges. 7/8 heliax line. Dave will contact coordinating once it's down & release the pair. Duplexor goes back to Dave. Dave motions, Erik seconds. Motion passes.

-Working on internet access to the 440 machine building. Initial coordination starts next week. It is possible. 20 & 5. VOIP is minimal. Will we need an interface? Motorola machine. What is needed? Doesn't have the – probably a DB25, same type of connections. Alternate is have remote base set up. Connect by RF. Downtown could be done.

-Elections coming up again at the December meeting. Be thinking about running. Any changes made regarding the club, written documentation must be submitted, signed by the club officers to note the change. Michael may consider secretary.

Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP/Trustee. Had special events-stampede. Op'd from home WTH's. Frank blew it away, worked hundreds. Bob on, Dave on CW & FT8. Set up 2<sup>nd</sup> local user account on Win 10 machine to do this and not mess up your home location information. QSL request, Bob is handling QSL Cards now.

-Turn frequency pair into CCARC.

-Adam, Secretary.

-Website & Social Media Report.

-Working up an outline for future testers, will be put on the website and available via email. Dave will be the contact after October. List on the information. Possible different organization other than ARRL VEC. FCC fee collection may not be at testing session. Get certificate with FRN, then calls released.

-Directory update. Will be reaching out soon to everyone.

Adam working with matthew Bowker to bring classes to the club. WOSTU. In person classes, comes down to a commitment level.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. \$2,076.94. 22 paid members. Repeater fund-\$188.

-Erik, Net, Contests & QSL Cards. Report.

-CO QSO Party-Labor Day weekend. Sept 4-7AM to 10PM. Rio Grande, Alamosa, Saguache, Conejos & Costilla are all rare counties. <https://ppraa.org/coqp>.

-SES-table or booth at the car show.

-Bennett peak in September & POTA in September.

-How do we increase participation in the Thursday night net?

-7-10 weekly check ins on the net. Consider it a win.

-James, Testing/Education. October again. Club has come a long way from when we started.

-Phil, EMCOMM. Dave covered. Dave resigned as region 6 emergency coordinator. Phil will resign as regional 6/7 coordinator. ARES will be looking to fill those positions. CO ARES organization makes sense for large cities like Denver, but not as well a fit for outlying areas. More interest here in having it localized. POTA & SOTA are good practice.

#### Presentations:

-Erik - SOTA Recap. Ham Nation & 100 Watts and a Wire. Make sure you have the right grid square. Soldiers Stone, Sergeants Mesa. Played 100 watts & a wire piece. Played Amateur Radio Newline recording as well. 61 contacts. Erik to send links to Adam to put on the website.

-Jim McC-911 can be accessed via text message now. Comm center in Alamosa can do this now. If you can't talk, in trouble, this is an option now.

-Dave - how to do FT8.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, August 26 via Zoom. Club – Sat, Sept 4, 10AM.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 11:32AM.