

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association Meeting Agenda

2/1/2020-Calvary Baptist Church

**CALL TO ORDER:** Started at 10:08AM. Call to order given by President Bob Galey. Pledge & Prayer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 15. John Tillman, Skip Bollinger, Mike Benevedez, Donald McDonald, Troy Dieckman, Frank Flohr, Loren Howard, James McCloskey, Adam Lock, Dave Newmyer, Robert Austin, Joe Dzuris, Phil Schechter, John Fleming, Bob Galey.

**WELCOME:** Sign in list. Welcome of new members. John Tillman. Skip (Elvin) Bollinger. Mike Benevedez.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion to approve January 2020 meeting minutes by Ron Carpenter. Second by Troy Dieckman. Passed.

### **OLD BUSSINESS/OPEN ISSUES:**

-Bob Galey: Club repeater update. 444.625/449.625 frequencies approved by CCARA review council. The antenna has been picked up, donated to the club. Donations accepted today to get the repeater on the air.

-Dave Newmyer: Club was going to use Don McDonald's frequency pair but the antenna wouldn't match. 450-490Mhz range, not usable. Deer Peak lost their repeater site, frequencies came available. They had the antenna so Bob Galey picked it up & delivered it to Dale Myers. An email, etc will be sent when the repeater is up. 94.8 will be the tone. Methodist Mtn, San Antonio and Bristol Head will all be accessible as well. Meeting with Mayor about access to the repeater building. Need to be able to do so without bothering Dale or others. Unlocking the door costs money. If Jay Cummings comes with dish to attach the repeater, this will make the repeater DMR & C4FM capable as well.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Bog Galey: Net protocol. Consistency across the board is important. The Net Control (NC) outline is easy to follow. The net is sounding good. Get with Frank if you want to be NC. The EOC still needs work. Thursday is net night. Bob Galey will be NC this coming Thursday night. Jim McClosky will be secondary NC.

-Board/directors meetings to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu of each month at Noon. Working on job descriptions for directors.

-PSA's for radio & paper. Being finalized and put out to other local media outlets. Adam Lock covered this.

-Club call sign. When it can be used and when it cannot. KOSLV approved. If we can be at events, Crane Fest, etc. We can do a booth. NC can use for Net. Events, Field day, etc. Document when use it, so QSL's come in, Frank Flohr will need to know. We will work on further guidelines soon. Check with Larry Foster to see if he can make QSL cards. Frank Flohr will need a log if people are using the club calls, so he can keep up on it.

-QSL Cards? Discussion. What do we want to do? Who can design them? Check with Larry Foster.

-Antenna raising party at Bob Galey's after the meeting. 574 Pine Street. Help is needed.

### **OFFICERS & DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

-Robert Austin, VP: Had a raffle for a 2M rig. Did intro on NanoVNA last month. Have another 2m rig. Start using spare equipment as loaners for club. Offers as first loaner this rig. Also another NanoVNA, to check out. Club is not a commercial enterprise, rather an LLC. This has to be adjusted so we can the right banking stuff. Studying for VE.

-Adam Lock, Secretary:

-Club mentioned at Neighborhood Watch & City Council meetings by Chief Rosecrans.

-Domain name KOSLV registered. Website is under development. Who can help?

-What to put on the calendar? Hamfests, contests, out 6 months. Also post on FB? Contests that will be pertinent. Perhaps make a cheat sheet, what contests are coming up. ARRL contests. \$25 to register on QRZ site. Most of the clubs have web sites. QRZ explained for others.

-Josh Hill, Treasurer: Have an account to receive funds. Personal account now due to how the bank sees our LLC. Can receive funds. Checks made out to Josh Hill. SARA in memo section. Dues 36 a year. Jan is New Year for dues.

-Dave Newmyer, Trustee:

-New duplexer on 146.04/146.64 repeater. Better coverage.

-Joining the CCARC. (ccarc.net). \$5 due to small club size. Vote. Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. Annual dues \$5. Meet on front range mostly. They are the frequency coordinating group for Colorado. Worthwhile down the road. Motion comes from executive board. No second needed. Already paid by Dave.

-Phil Schechter, EMCOM: Contacting ARES applicants for direction & support. Only have 5 people asked to be ARES. Others who may be interested, please apply. Optimal is 24 hours gone but not a requirement though. Applications are available. We are in part formed to help, SAR, etc. We are to help, so be ARES ready if you can. Get your certification. Education meetings for the ARES folks coming soon. Meeting frequency TBD.

-James McCloskey, Testing/Education:

-What do we want him to do? Exchange codes for contests, etc discussed. Even DX contacts. RS or RST. QRP, lower power, 5-10 watts. Web SDR (software defined radio). Can be helpful when running a net. Can be used to hear how you sound on the air as well. WebSDR.org.

-PL259 connector. Info on website. Drop loop on coax so water doesn't get into your house. Dielectric grease to seal. Coax seal. Drip loop.

-Frank Flohr, Net/Outreach.

-QSL Manager. Showed QSL card. Does anyone want to design one? Covered some earlier.

-QRZ Page. Who is going to do this? Cover at next directors meeting.

-Frank to set up/maintain. Vote. Next directors meeting.

**PRESENTATION:** Frank Flohr presentation on how to properly send and receive net traffic. Covered how to fill out the form, use UTC date/time. 25 words. Check the ARRL website for more. CO connection net, 7pm every night. Bob covered more of why we pass traffic. John Hill: Can we listen to the daily net? Yes. 147.285.+ 88.5 tone

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Adam to update the repeater list and put online on the FB group.

-New pool of questions for the Extra Class. Next test/upgrade date, April 4 meeting. \$15.

-Robert Austin

-On Facebook page, putting together files (announcements). Links and info on coax. Suggestions?

-On Thursday net, make log of check-ins. Turn log over to secretary.

-Use our FB page to keep up to what's happening. We're here to help everyone. Robert is in charge of programs. Wants to get with HRO to do a hands on of how to make a coax connection.

-Frank Flohr – phonetic alphabet, cover in future meeting.

-Donald McDonald: V/UHF conversation. Emergency Managers in Del Norte too. Josh Hill: Monte Vista PD setting up their own EOC as well. Intent is to connect all EOC's via amateur radio.

-Bob Galey: Hamcom coming to Denver soon. Will the club be doing Field Day? Discuss at next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 7, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church. Yes. Robert Austin move to adjourn, James McCloskey second.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted this day (3/7/2020),

*Adam Lock*

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Secretary, SARA