

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association February Meeting Minutes

2/6/2021

Attendees: Adam lock, Don McDonald, Erik & Zane Stephenson, Dave Neumyer, Ron Carpenter, Jeff Beauprez, Erik Dunn, Frank, Loren Howard, Michael Benevidez, Ron Carpenter, Tim Chittum,

Call to Order: Start at: 10:04.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from January Meeting. Erik Dunn, motion. Ron Seconds. Approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add for discussion? Field Day. Dave added.

### Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Dues are now due. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Michael gave report. \$1,135.94 in treasury. Dues are still coming in. Haven't checked PO Box recently.

-Board Members & Directors are now set for 2021.

-January testing recap. 3 applicants. 2 passed their Tech test. Josh & I going to go help Rick Syring get set up, later this month. April is next test session coming up.

### New Business:

-Update on Bob & Donna. Doing better. Headed back to Monte. Back to work on Sunday. Recovering from COVID.

-Brainstorming session on HF. V/UHF is great, but how can we focus more on HF? Post listing of MARS in FB group. Exercises on 60 meters. Discussion below under Erik Dunn report.

-Nonprofit status discussion. Worth the effort? What does the group want? Adam covered basics. Keep it simple says Dave. Is it worth the effort? Don agreed, keep it simple. Loren, leave it go. Michael. Bill is coming due in August, money due for the repeater. Renting the site in Monte. Currently paid for (tower rent & internet access) until September. Club will have to pick this up from Sept-Dec. \$110 a month. Tower rent is \$600 a year. Internet is \$60 a month. So the general consensus is to not pursue the non-profit status.

-Repeater on the SLV Health building. Kyle Wingate. Dave talked to him. Kind of up in the air. Funding and various things to consider. Kyle contacted Erik Dunn too. Kyle seems interested in club paying for repeater and his managing it. Club concerns are the initial expense and have similar situation where access could be a problem. Let's see if Kyle wants to pursue it further. Erik Dunn will follow up. EOC, not sure if handheld coverage is working well in Alamosa or not? Next step? 146.415, 94.8 tone. No complaints have been heard. 146.94 repeater, turns out there's a guy in Como who is getting Monte Repeater as well as the 94 machine in Denver.

-Loaner equipment. Vetting process. How to go about it. Doing it now is working. Don't want people to get licensed and lose interest. Erik has some equipment. Per Dave, Phil Schechter wants to get with EOC people and see if those rigs can be used. Antenna is next to metal roof and doesn't get out well as it is.

### Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP. Report. Repeaters. UHF is working fine. EOC link working fine. 94 machine still having reset about once a day or so. A benefactor is building up a computer replace the PI. Tried 2 and both exhibit the same issue. Work fine for controller for 1-2 days, then has to be reset. Doesn't always boot up. Tried shielded cat cable, didn't resolve the issue. Dave talked with Jeff, KOJSC. They have the means to remotely disconnect the power to raspberry pi, then connect back up & reboot. Something to consider.

-Adam, Secretary. Website & Social Media Report. No report.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. (Above)

-Erik, Net & Contests. Report. Winter Field Day. 2 state QSO parties & BC party this weekend. Winter FD. Was out a couple hours, made 25 contacts. Discussion on FD in June. Discussed pros & cons of last year's location. Possibly Go up in the hills somewhere. Networked logging program. Jeff offered to consider his place near Saguache. Not

central, but nothing around. At about 9500 feet. No power, solar. 15 miles west of Saguache. There is 110 via the solar. Ron Carpenter, could come to Creede, places for people to stay, plus grid power. Eric & Zane are interested in participating, as well as others. 26 & 27 June. Adam recommended starting to plan now.

-Frank, QSL Cards/QRZ Page. Report. No new cards in. Nothing on QRZ Page.

Presentation: Win Link Express. Dave Newmyer. Presentation. Winlink dot org. Register first to use Winlink. Did a demo over the internet and OTA, to a Utah station. Relay stations in bigger cities as well. If internet, cell phone, etc are down, you can reach out this way to get hold of others. Good demonstration.

- Nationwide Red Cross weekly net. Once a month now. Training for sending ICS 213 forms. Used by various agencies. Dave showed the various forms in WinLink.

-March presentation? Logging presentation. Tie in with Field Day. Erik Dunn. SOTA presentation would be of interest for future presentation. Acknowledge Tim Chittum in attendance. How linked for WinLink? USB. If not, other options. West Mtn Radio or Signalink make intermediary rig controllers.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, Feb 25 – 12:30PM. Club – Sat, Mar 6, 2021, 10AM.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 11:17AM. Ron, motion to close. Adam seconds.