

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association (SARA)

Meeting 4 Minutes - 1/4/2020

Calvary Baptist Church, Monte Vista, CO

CALL TO ORDER: Started 10:07AM. Called to order given by President Bob Galey and objections are immediately raised by Adam Lock & Robert Austin. This in order to give the engraved gavel to Bob. Done and meeting officially began.

IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Flohr, KA4OAA, Don McDonald, N0HQD, Eric Langford, KE0UU, David Newmyer, N0KM, Mary Dzuris, Joe Dzuris, Adam Lock, WA2JAL, Robert Austin, KE0HH, Troy Dieckman, KE0UYK, Ron Carpenter, KE0NWR, Jim McCloskey, AD0LV, John Fleming, N0ZQL, Josh Hill, KE0YOO, Phil Schechter, W0OJ, Bart Vaughan, Mark Turner.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes by Frank Flohr. Seconded by Phil Schechter. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

By laws. To do this, due to constitution the constitution will need to be suspended. The By-laws will take several months to complete. Suspension means we can have a full board seated. A motion to suspend the constitution was given by Robert Austin. Second, Donald McDonald. Motion carries.

Vanity Call. Getting the club vanity call sign is in the works. We should know something by mid June. K0SLV is the call applied for by Dave Newmyer.

Repeater Frequencies. Email from Dale. As soon as frequencies approved, Dale can get the repeater set up. Club applied for a UHF pair and a 2 meter pair. The process has to go through both CO and NM councils and must be approved first. Bob Galey was assured this morning by CO coordinator that the club is on the list for NM database first. The splits for NM are inverse of CO so coordination is absolutely necessary. It has been suggesting that we use an SNP (unprotected) frequency pair for now, which is not coordinated. If there is interference, we live with it. Then once a protected pair is assigned, we switch the repeater over. This is a more expense approach. Bob Galey asked what is the expense to retune? The repeater uses Motorola programming. The big cost is retuning the duplexer – special equipment to realign.

Donald McDonald- 447.100. Donald McDonald proposed giving up ownership of his pair. Club would just get with the coordinator. Josh Hill asked about Don's current setup, it is for mobile operations. Discussed that the club could give Don our pair when it comes in. The frequencies are 447.900/442.900, 100Hz tone. Club would have to check with NM but it should just be paperwork to transfer, no FCC involvement. There could be a 4-5 months waiting period if we just wait. Use the vanity call sign. If we move forward it should be OK and the club would have this pair in a couple weeks. Motion by Ron Carpenter. We use these frequencies and set it up on our repeater. Further, when / if we get a frequency pair, we make decision then as to whether to give Don our frequencies or give his back. Frank Flohr Seconds. Robert Austin asks is the club or repeater licensed. The club. We just advice CCARA of any change. The motion carries.

Testing at noon reminder for all candidates.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE NOMINATIONS:

Directors at large are suggested by President Bob Galey.

-EMCOM – Phil is nominated and passed.

-Contesting/FD/Weekly Net. Frank nominated. Robert Austin motions for approval. Josh Hill seconds. Passed.

-Testing/Education – James McCloskey nominated. Dave Newmyer motions for approval. Donald McDonald seconds. Passed.

-Trustee – Dave Newmyer nominated. Robert Austin motions for approval. Josh Hill seconds. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club Awareness. How did people find us? Mostly via facebook, social media & word of mouth. Urged to continue to tell people about us. Keep getting the word out. We will continue to get the word out through social media, print & radio.

Josh – Treasurer Report. Has receipts. Bank account, EIN should be this week, so we can move forward. No cost for the account. Alamosa State Bank. SLV-ARA – business account. All monies go to the club account. Donations for repeater, add a line item, for repeater purposes. 1-2 weeks & the account should be open. If we take dues today, someone has to hold them. Bob Galey-don't take money until account is open. Money left over will stay in account for repeater fund, etc.

Dues. Proposed at \$36 per year, divisible by 12 to pro-rate. \$3 a month. Robert Austin believes \$30 isn't enough. Looks forward to increasing the membership or we will have to increase dues down the road. Ron Carpenter. Fundraising, we can solicit donations from others as we are EMCOM. Discussion follows. People will get on board as we settle in as a club and grow. Grants? Yes, possible. Motion by Bob Galey for \$36. Don McDonald seconds. Motion passes. We will start collecting in February, due to the account not being set up yet and will pro-rate this year's dues to \$33.

Shirts. Polo & denim available. Price is the same, \$45 each. You can do design on anything wanted for about \$25. If you want, you can get the design it on something else. Uniquely Designed, Larry Foster is handing the shirts.

Events Calendar. Adam Lock covers this. Google Calendar to be used. Bob Galey – we want to make meetings not so much admin as presentations and learning and fun down the road.

Club Address. Robert Austin. Club is a corporation – SLVARA, LLC. Since Bob Galey lives in the church parsonage, he can't have a business or a non-profit there, so the address will be change.

Name Tags. People can have paper one or name tag. Paper for next meeting. \$10 each for the name tags.

PRESENTATION:

Robert Austin gave a short presentation and demonstration of the NanoVNA device. Vector Network Analyzer.

NEXT MEETING:

March February 7, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was given by Josh Hill. Seconded by Ron Carpenter. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:25AM to prepare for testing session to begin at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted:

Adam Lock, Secretary