

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association January Meeting Agenda

1/2/2021

Attendees: In attendance. Adam Lock, Bob Galey, Loren Howard, Skip Randall, Dave Newmyer, Phil Schechter, Erik Dunn, Josh Hill, Michael Benavidez, Frank Flohr, Anna Hill.

Call to Order: Prayer. Start at: 10:08AM.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from December Meeting. Phil motions . Michael seconds. Approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add for discussion? None.

Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Dues are now due. Mail to PO Box please.

-The club will start an additional fund for repeater operation costs. Costs are paid through August 2021.

New Business:

-Directors At Large appointments. Jim. Frank thinks it's more of a repeater association than a ham club. Wants more participation. QRZ page. Expressed his frustrations. Bob-COVID has had an impact on what we could do. Still a new group too. Thinks it will get better. Dave-High Valley Radio Club-old SLV radio group-same thing happened. Effort & \$\$\$. Entry level equipment determined participation of some. Does push towards repeater use more. Equipment can be expensive, especially HF. Adam-Not all can get on HF, many are just techs. Phil-doing more to support from Tech to General would help. Events really aren't a measure of people's interests in HF. Put together a poll of what peoples interest are. Direct things towards that. Develop a curriculum for education. Josh-Mirrors Phil. Various interest by group. Planned education & such, but couldn't due to COVID. Frank-host a SARA net on HF? Frank-proposed before but no interest. What would be reliable? What band? Wants local club members, not across the US. Bob-still growing as a group. EMCOMM is a strong part of our group too & when repeaters & Techs will step up. Do need education for the future. Can't beat hands on learning. Phil: Future goal. CW Ops-many groups have their own station. Potential for us in the future. Erik-likes to go out and operate, will invite others. Bob-who wants to take the net and such over? Erik volunteered (thank you!). Net on Thursday. Special events. Frank will continue with QSL Cards & QRZ page. Leave Jim in as Testing/Education Director At Large. Phil to remain on EMCOMM.

-Testing is scheduled at Noon & will take place today.

-FCC to begin charging \$35 for testing. Dave-ARRL website. Instructions to new applicants, get your FRN number prior to testing. Put this out for the future. If no FRN, use SSN. ARRL VEC will sit on application though. Found out too ARRL VEC will let you submit electronically. Wire the \$\$ could be an issue. Put the info out for the future. Phil hasn't seen this. No notice sent out. FCC does assign FRN when you get a tech license. Still, put it out, said Bob. How to navigate the FCC website, get your FRN, etc.

Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP. Report.

-Adam, Secretary. Website & Social Media Report. Report. Done.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. Bob covered. \$824.94 in the account. Past service charges refunded, then service fee was charged again. \$36 put in, \$0 taken out again. Michael is getting together with Bob this week. Josh Never found the missing checkbook. Josh will pay for another one if needed to order.

Dave, Trustee. Report. Repeaters. Current status.

-Issues with Allstar. 440 repeater & cross band repeater in Alamosa. Using his repeaters for now to tie in. Dave will post on the FB group about what's happening. ARES through the EOC. 447.100 for now and 146.64 repeater. 447.900-Don repeater fixed. Need a list of what nets are on what time/day.

-146.94 repeater didn't come up this morning. Will go by. May revert back to stand alone for now. Take PI & interface out & see what's wrong with them. See if we can we find another part that Brian loaned to us?

-Frank, Net/Outreach: Covered all items below.
-Net Controls for January.
-1 year anniversary operations. Recap of how it went.

-James, Testing/Education. Report. No report.

-Phil, EMCOMM. Report. No report on EMCOMM.

Presentation: Win Link. Dave Newmyer. Delayed to next month, February 2020 meeting.

General discussion. Adam not being on the air now. Michael getting on the air. Lives in an apartment.
Phil-another education topic. Create hidden/small HF antennas. Skip-mobile rig, 25 watts, 2 m & 440. Doesn't have HF rig. Dave has astron power supplies if needed.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, Jan 28 – 12:30PM. Club – Sat, Feb 6, 2021, 10AM In person – probably a combo.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 10:52AM.