

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association July Meeting Mintes

7/10/2021

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Bob Galey, Adam Lock, Dave Newmyer, Frank Flohr, Loren Howard, Jim McCloskey, Troy Dieckman, Timothy Chittum, Erik Dunn, Neil Gatrell, Zane & Eric Stephenson, Martha Lock, Michael Benevidez, Matthew (Center), KD0THF. Others came for just the testing.

Call to Order: Pledge & Prayer. Start at: 10:01AM.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from June Meeting. Frank so motioned, Troy second. Passed.

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. Please pay if you haven't. Eric asked about 4 club members. Family rate? Will discuss later in the meeting.

-Future SES activations to consider:

-SkiHi Stampede in July. July 21-25. Get on the air for the club, from your home. SES. Logs to Bob afterwards. Did for club anniversary. Different freq/modes at different times. Erik to put sign up sheet on FB group. 99<sup>th</sup> year, oldest rodeo in CO.

-Brew Fest & Car Show. Aug 21 in Chapman Park. Possibilities discussed.

-SLV Potato Festival, September in Chapman Park.

-Others? If any appeal, contact Bob and he'll try to set anything up. Use club call sign. Need people to help coordinate each event too.

-SOTA-July. Sat the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sargent's Mesa. Leave church parking lot at 7AM. Never been activated. Soldiers Stone. Bob covered & played short video. By continental divide trail. 3 hour trip. Bring lunch/water/chair, what you can carry. Follow the rules of SOTA. Ham nation & Amateur Radio Newline will be covering after. Special QSL Card. Neil, group coming. Thu thru the following week. Vets. Make special trip with them. Tim wants to go. Pick up Tim in Saguache on the way thru?

-Ongoing 2 meter repeater discussion. Can be covered through EOY, but then what? Hard decisions to be made. Grants (Michael's wife)? Move to Del Norte? Keep going locally? Drop entirely? Bob to check with FEMA...has a call in to them. Pay rent, about 100 a month. Can't sustain it. Nothing to vote on today. Club can't afford to pay for it, it's a lot. Do have non-profit status. Bob to talk to Cliff to donate for tax donation. If so, then just have to pay the internet. Could move to sheriffs tower. May be for free, Don is the sheriff. Should be easy access. 440 machine is \$150 a hour to get in. Hasn't cost anything else, thankfully. 2 meter is finally working right, thanks Erik. What do we need to do as a club? Get out or what to do? Can turn repeater back. Bob would like to investigate other avenues. Leave & pay, move, get grant, what to do? Loren-principal person who made it happen. Wasn't intended to cause consternation to the club. Never his intent. Would propose we take it down and at some point, desire to put it up, we can talk about it at that point. Frank, let's see what we can do first. Take a look. Loren is not in favor of moving it to Del Norte. Find somewhere locally, or get a grant. No decision made at this time. Take Del Norte off the table. Could talk to MV Chief, 440 machine cost about 1K to get set up. Feed line donated, REC donated equipment, antenna donated, labor was the biggest cost. Can both be on the same tower? 2 meter pair would need to be reallocated, due to the new height/potential coverage. Always \$150 to open the shed. Jim McC- has 2 towers, could we build a shed, put it at his place. He could cover the electric. Would put in a different location in the valley. Even to move that distance, we would have to re-coordinate with CO & NM. 440 machine can't be tied to internet in current location. Original idea was to have RMHam linked into the 440 machine.

Vote, next meeting. Dave takes over so Bob can go to the funeral.

### New Business:

-Testing after today's meeting. Waiting on Phil to arrive.

-Family rate? Families have to pick & choose. Michael says family rate, but cap it. Tim agrees, 2 max. Basic is \$36 a year, 3 a month. \$54. Easily divisible. Michael motions, Tim seconds. Passes. Adam moves to pro-prate Eric Stephens pre paid and credit him for next year's dues. Tim seconds. Motion carries.

-Equipment donated by ham in Creede. KK6CS-Ken & Barb Tennis – Donated the equipment. Discussed Kens ham radio history/past. Please put the equipment to good use is the deal.

-Icom IC-7000 plus 2 meter vertical antenna X50 Diamond, and 25' cable for sale by wife of local silent key. Adam advised the club of the email and offer. Frank addressed the Icom unit. Contact Adam if interested. Does have removable head. Paid about \$800'ish.

-Thanks to Erik & his family for pulling together a wonderful field day operation. More during presentation.

#### Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP/Trustee. 2 meter issue seems to have stabilized. 440 machine working great. Will disconnect EOC until after lighting season. Not much activity except net night.

-Adam, Secretary.

-Website & Social Media Report. Good engagement. Largest number of web traffic ever-June.

-The Communications Shack. Opening in August. Announced radio store opening in Monte.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. \$2,076.94 in the bank. 22 paid members. \$188 in the repeater fund.

-Erik, Net & Contests. Report. IARU HF 6p tonight to tomorrow. Thu net? Erik will take it.

-Erik. Currently handling the QSL Cards/QRZ Page. Lost access to page. Working on it.

-James, Testing/Education. Testing after this meeting.

-Phil, EMCOMM. Report. No report.

#### Presentation:

-Recap of Field Day by Erik Dunn. Slide show. 30 cw 41 phone contacts. Lots of bonus points. Lots of visitors. GOTA-7 contacts. Map of areas worked. Percentages, etc. Dave-many start setting up earlier. 24 hours before is the rule. Weren't really ready by noon. CAL most worked state. Good to be under the pavilion. Lots of visitors. Lessons learned. Don't bring the food late. If we say we'll stay the night, we need to, or put something out on social media.

-What types of other programs would the club like to see? Discuss. Wants to see some education-Neil. No one reached out to ask how he's doing. New life blood. Treat people like they're idiots. Lost on the math. Want new blood, focus on people who don't know anything about ham. Used 2 seminars online, plus bought book. Crash course a week before is one suggestion. COVID stopped training courses, we never took it up again. The issue to Tim is not learning, but applying what you learn. Matthew-did a 2 day class in Monument. 8-5 then 8-noon, then testing. Matt taught it in the past and can teach the course. About \$20'ish dollars. Neil-no one knew that ham is even available. CB can be a mess. Suggest we do the class-Adam. Matthew will check with Stu to see what is possible.

-Equipment giveaway.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, July 28 – 12:30PM via Zoom. Club – Sat, Aug 7, 10AM.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 11:32PM.