

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association June Meeting Minutes

6/12/2021

Attendees: In person meeting only. In attendance. Adam Lock, Dave Newmyer, Erik Dunn, Troy Dieckman, Mike Benevidez, Joel Norton (N5MCT-La Veta, Bob Galey, Frank Flohr, Jim McCloskey & wife (Loretta), Dennis Mobley (WD5ACG), Skip Randall, Neil Gatrell.

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

Minutes: Approval of minutes from May Meeting. Frank motions, Troy seconds. Passed.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add to the agenda for discussion? Power Pole Connectors-Dave. Show & Tell-Jim McClosky.

Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Pro-rated if mid-year.

-Thanks to SLVARA for activating SES for Cinco de Mayo celebration. Follow up. Great event for Monte and the club. Many came by to talk about club.

-May POTA activation follow up & future activation plans. MVNWR. 22 contacts. Official for 2 parks activated now.

-CCARC meeting follow up. Bob & Dave. Online meeting. Short meeting. The 2 meter repeater didn't come up. Probably only have part of the story. Denver issue probably. Not linking .94 in for sky hub net on Monday. Hopefully a done deal now.

-July meeting delayed until 7/10. Testing after the meeting. Every quarter.

New Business:

-501c3 for SARA has been granted! Now a non profit. We'll figure out the hoops along the way.

-Tabling the Thursday net over the summer? Discuss pros & cons. One net recently only had 6 check-ins. Typically run 13-14 people per net. Summers will always be slow. Max 30 min 1x/wk. Bob-keep doing it. Frank-keep doing it. Skip-only time I turn my radio on. No vote required, drive on with the net.

-Field Day planning. June 26 & 27. Pizza mid afternoon. Dogs & burgs that evening. Frank will bring buns & beans. Erik has meat & charcoal. Michael brings chips. Bob-plastic ware. Break down 10AM Sunday morning. Set up at 10AM. Skip can bring safety kit down. Frank to be the safety officer. GOTA Station. Need call letters. Erik will take it. 5A CO will be the designation. Adam to bring 2m/70cm set up. Laptop set up for each station with logging. Great exposure. Tell friends to come out. Cots can be set up. Erik has shirts available still. Press Release. Adam to do. Dave-ARES Rep. Sprinkler system in park. Adam to coordinate with Rob.

-Future SES activations to consider. SkiHi Stampede in July. July 21-25. South Central Colorado Micro Brew Fest & Car Show. Aug 21 in Chapman Park. SLV Potato Festival, September in Chapman Park. Others? Set up booth at SkiHi? Come up with a history. Oldest Pro rodeo in Colorado. Get on from homes. Keep a log and turn it in to Frank. Add to July meeting agenda. Brew Fest – Very possible to set up for the day. More next meeting.

-SOTA-July. Fri & Sat, 16 & 17 July. Sergeants Mesa. Never been activated. Soldiers Stone. Near continental divide. Bob staying overnight. SOTA Party that weekend. Erik to check into SOTA registration.

Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP/Trustee. Report. 2m repeater. Reboot controller. Moving to computer was a good move. Repeater cost covered through end of year. Still have to address by EOY for 2022.

-Adam, Secretary.

-Website & Social Media Report.

-New Monte Vista tourism website is active. <https://visitmontevista.com/> List SARA & repeaters? Yes!

-Saguache County website listing. <https://saguachecounty.colorado.gov/departments/office-of-emergency-management/get-involved>. Thanks to Bobby Wolz in Saguache County for the listing.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. \$1,964.94 total budget. 21 paying members.

-Erik, Net & Contests. Reported earlier in meeting.

-Frank, QSL Cards/QRZ Page. Report. Got the QSL Cards. QRZ page going well. Will add SOTA, FD & stampede. Web page too.

-James, Testing/Education. Testing after July meeting. Ham Test Online. \$30. Bob to get a link to Neil to study for Technician.

-Phil, EMCOMM. No report.

-Introductions. Neil. Done 11M so 10M is the next logical progression. Get into remote areas, communications is key. Hole in the rock, UT. Joel-N5MCT. Licensed in 1980's, out 20 years, back on in October. LaVeta pass area. Paradise Acres. Group on Wild Horse Mesa. Sunday evening net. 146.58. N0MC, Mark runs the net. Working on a UHF repeater. Dennis-WD5ACG. If it glows, he's into it. Restore Willys jeeps. Likes to experiment. Set up a 10-10 net in the future.

Presentation:

-Show & Tell-Jim McCloskey. Great demonstration of his Go Box system.

Power Pole Connectors-Dave Newmyer. Demonstration. Used to use motor connectors. 30 Amp is most common. Can tarnish over time, unused & unconnected. Plastic end cap can be taken off to clean. Special crimper tool can run 50+ or get \$7 harbor freight equivalent. Electronics cleaner will fix corrosion issue.

Jim to bring snacks for next meeting.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, July 1 – 12:30PM via Zoom. Club – Sat, July 10, 2021, 10AM.

Adjournment. Frank moves, Troy seconds. Meeting ended at: 11:25.