

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association November Meeting Agenda

11/6/2021

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Bob Galey, Adam Lock, Bradley Wherner, Dave Newmyer, Timothy Chittum, Jim McCloskey, Michael Benevidez, Troy Dieckman, Dennis Mobley, Rick Syring, Don McDonald, Martha Lock, Frank Flohr, Loren Howard

Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer: Start at: 10:03AM

Minutes: Approval of minutes from October meeting. Frank moves, Troy seconds. Passes.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add to the agenda for discussion? Nothing to add.

Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 per person & \$54 per year for a family. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Prorated. Remains the same for 2022.

-Elections coming up at the December meeting. Will be next month. Rick Syring will consider Treasurer, Michael Benevidez will consider being Secretary. Dave will consider staying on as VP/Trustee. Jim McCloskey loves the club, if no one steps up for President, he will take it.

Dave will run the meeting in December. Church is available at no cost, says Bob. But not his decision any more. Can provide a key & be listed in church directory. Common sense courtesy to use the building. This meeting area and rest rooms only. 4H & commodities distribution also use the area. Buy some coffee for the church at times. Comm Shack is available too. Troy-fire station in Mosca is available. Frank-some folks might want to consider a different day & meeting time. Up to the group as a whole. Sat mornings work well, but up to club. Michael-looking for a back-up space, not a new location. Dave-board meetings at the store. Adam-move to stay here for the next 2 months, then decide. Frank-would other days be available? That would depend-Bob, many other groups use the room. Jim-wants to have the church as a primary, the Shack as a secondary. No one seems to want a different day. Group doesn't have to meet only once a month either. Leave it like it is for now is the decision.

-440 repeater linking to SkyHub: Has Dale been compensated as voted on in Oct meeting? Still working towards establishing internet link downtown. Linking to SkyHub, internet linking system out of Denver, nodes/repeaters all over the place. Remote base radio-Jack KE0VH, shipping the equipment here.

-Jan 2022 meeting will be 1/8/2022 as vote on and passed at the October 2021 meeting.

-SES for Comm Shack grand opening, 11/19/21. HF/VHF/UHF stations set up. Need operators for the duration. Can't do an SES, but can operate.

-Update directory with phone numbers where needed. Get with Adam please.

New Business:

-Officers meeting would normally fall on 11/25 which is Thanksgiving. Discuss and settle on date. Thu, 12/4/21.

-Status of presiding officers for December 2021 meeting. Dave to handle as current VP.

-Change of address for club. Use the PO Box which is legal to do? Vote on change. Have to have minutes, Motion to move address to 452, Frank so moves to change the club address to the PO Box. Troy seconds the motion. Frank-QRZ page draws from FCC. Dave-once updated, should reflect on QRZ page. Other clubs do have PO Boxes. Motion passes unanimously.

-Other key for PO Box. Adam has one. Give to another officer or wait until elections in Dec? Wait until elections.

-Set up a PayPal or other account for donations to SARA? Easy and can be done. Pursue? Vote. Dues could be paid through PayPal as well? Yes. Frank moves to do so, Timothy seconds. Motion Passes.

-Bob-Need to look at new checking account. Basically Bob's checking account, separate category, officers can sign checks. Need to separate the two and needs to be put under own club name. Should be as a non-profit bank account, easy to set up an account. Connie Valdez is the contact if we stay with Community Bank. Bob will talk to her soon on our behalf. 2182.94 in the account with 26 paying members.

Bob – suggested look at advertising for the club. Every time they put something in, people come out of the woodwork, didn't know there is a club.

Officers & Directors Reports:

-Dave, VP/Trustee: CCARC latest meeting update. Voted to de-coordinate a repeater in Longmont. Frequencies fall back in the pool. Paper repeaters, exist in the system but not on the air.

-Status of EOC repeater. Off the air. Not coordinated, but helped. Thinking rather than cross band, in the future, have a regular UHF repeater there. For next year. HT coverage in Mosa? Wildhorse Mesa repeater, doing what they can. Chairman had COVID, having another meeting soon to keep moving forward. UHF, maybe.

-Adam, Secretary. Website & Social Media Report.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report.

-Frank, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Decided in December who takes over. Leaving with Dave now.

-Jim, Testing/Education: Results of October testing session. January testing after the meeting. 1/8/2022. Discuss in December. VE's for January testing. Status of keys/sheets?

-Don, EMCOMM. After first of year, working on stuff for those that want to come on board with ARES, training, etc. The books help keep track of what you have done. Dealt with EMCOMM for years. The ham service is a key thing. Can cover areas that local PD, sheriff can't. Set up emergency comm Set ups. Portable repeater now for emergency situations. After 1st of year.

Dave-FEMA 100, 200, 700, 800. The 4 base series. Over 80 classes total that can be taken. ARRL has a series too, free. Don to bring up next month.

Presentation: None this meeting. Send off after meeting for outgoing President Bob Gale. Rick turned a flag pole into an antenna in Forbes Park. 49 contacts to 21 countries in the last contest. OCF vertical dipole. Digital too now. Loren is on again. Yagi for V/UHF, rotating dipole, Cushcraft.

Next Meetings: Officers – 12/2/21-Zoom. Club – Sat, Dec 4, 10AM. Could make it an SES day. 2nd anniversary.

Bob-thanks statements. Worthwhile, needs t continue, good future. Past couple years put this area on the map, national publicity, ARES working again, good repeater, great elmers, need to continue to get the word out. Need a recall roster for emergency times. Moving to Palasade, CO, wife has a house there. Medical changes are necessitating the change. Not overly happy with having to move. Stats out-average church attendance is 65 per congregation, in the US as of last week. Leaving the gavel for next president. Amanda did his QSL Cards, look excellent. 500 for \$65. Will have to convert a garage to make his new shack. Here until the 28th. Of all he's done, the club was one of his favorite things. Meant the world, fellowship, teaching, learned from all. Dave-Bob helped smooth over ruffled feathers, essential portion of what has been done.

Loren motions to make Bob a lifetime honorary member of the club. Loren motions, Michael seconds. Passes.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 11:10.

Respectfully submitted this day, 28 November 2021.

Adam Lock

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Secretary, SARA