

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association September Meeting Agenda

9/11/2021

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, Bob Galey, Dave Newmyer, Eric Stephenson, Zane Stephenson, James Moore, Michael Benevidez, Rick Syring, Frank Flohr, James Jepperson, Bradley Wehner, Matthew Bowker, Alexandra Bowker, Skip Randall, Don McDonald, Chris Crown, Craig Crown.

Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer: Start at: 10:02. Bob covered Erik Dunn & family. Silent Key memorial. Club will help where we can. Introduced all the attendees.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from August meeting. Frank moved, Mike seconded, approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add to the agenda for discussion? Training classes.

Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Prorated. Family rate is \$54 per year, also prorated.

-Future SES activations to consider: SOTA/POTA Activations. Status of tentative plans for Bennett Peak?? Already activated. Eric Stephenson. Lots of peaks have already been activated. Tracking started around 2010, but peaks were activated earlier than tracking started. If interest, can activate summits around the valley, depending on interest. 4 contacts required to be official activation. Bob explained POTA & SOTA, 10 activations for POTA to be official. Club activated Sergeant's Mesa last month. Club did 2 POTA activations earlier in the year. Make these activations a bigger part of the club going forward; good practice for emergency operations. POTA / SOTA. Erik headed it up. Will Eric Stephenson take over SOTA? Willing, but needs collaboration. He & Zane are in CW academy now.

New Business:

- 2 meter repeater status. Repeater is down permanently. Still have 440 machine up. Free, no cost.

-Still working on internet access to the 440 machine building. Chief is wanting to help, but filling double duty at this time. Preference is computer, not PI, yagi beam, can touch tone control the repeater that way. Just no digital radio capability that way.

-Elections coming up again at the December meeting. Could combine Secretary & treasurer. Some are concerned about health of club when Bob isn't president. Still testing every quarter. Continue POTA/SOTA, etc. Sept 17-Jeep Club taking vets to Soldier Stone. Forest service organized event, EMT's will be there, looking for people to help, maybe take people with you. Let Bob know.

-James Moore - Power supply, tuner & rig discussion. Ft-991 or other recommendations? Antenna? Maybe build a multiband? ¼ acre flat-12 degree driveway. Can see Mt. Blanca. 8500 feet. Metal roof. Trees around, going downhill. Dipole? V/uHF loaner setup; do we have one available now? Bob has equipment to loan. Mobile is where he would like to start. Off grid operation. Getting a license is the first step. Discussion on various radios & options. Would be good for new hams as a program to get them on the air.

-Monitoring and other agencies regarding future meetings in person or via Zoom. Covered.

-Testing & teaching. Matthew. KOTLM club-came from. License classes, many got licensed. Used to teach. Volunteered to bring class – WOSTU, they have a pre-packaged class. Have to use their book. Get it in bulk, have to be under an NDA, won't steal the material. Slides for each chapter. 2 Saturdays, 8-6 & 8-1, then test. Matthew will take lead, but can't teach all the modules. Run class for fall or spring. Need time & location & who will teach. Break about every hour & lunch. Best to run with a lot of people. Community outreach is important to get students. Discussed various options on how to pull this off. Dave taught ARRL course post 9-11 for 3 months. Suggested a training team, not just 1 person. Bob-classes would be great, especially for younger people. How is the question. Skip interested in getting the book just for review. Many interested in the area, including local family Adam knows, several scouts, etc. Classes at the radio store.

Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP/Trustee. October CCARC meeting. Covered.

-Adam, Secretary. Website & Social Media Report. Basic report given.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. 2,076.94. 22 paid members still. Repeater fund. 188.

-Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Frank offered to step up and handle until next election season. Need volunteers for the net on Thursday. Files on FB group. Net is good for September. SES-would like to see more participation, good exposure. Plan in advance is preferred.

-Bob still handling QSL cards? Yes.

-Testing/Education. October testing again. VE – Phil is October contact, then Dave for the future.

-EMCOMM. Statewide Simulated Emergency Test coming in October.

Presentation: Bob Galely – Raspberry PI and Zoom Spot. DMR, YSF. Have to get a DMR number. RadioID.com, register call sign & get your number. HT, hot spot, wifi & you can get on the air. Software is free.

-Possible BBQ before it gets cold, at Bob's place.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, September 22 via Zoom. Club – Sat, October 2, 10AM.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 12:01PM.