

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association February Meeting Minutes

5 Feb2022

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, David Newmyer, Troy Dieckman, Don McDonald, Michael Benavidez, Martha Lock, Loren Howard, Skip Randall, Matthew Bowker, Bradley Wehner, James McCloskey, Rick Syring, Frank Flohr, Zane Stephenson, Stephen Jensen, Ed Dornfeld, Mark Wittler, Jason Kenison, James Bower, Ron Carpenter, Bob McClelland.

Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer: Start at: 10:04 AM

Minutes: Approval of minutes from January 2022 meeting. Ron Carpenter motions. Troy Dieckman seconds. Approved as is.

Addition of Items to Agenda: No additions.

### Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 per person & \$54 per year for a family. Bring to the meeting or mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Prorated. Rate remains the same for 2022.

-Continuation of discussion and decision concerning SARA Constitution items.

-Motion to adopt changes Loren has suggested. Ron Carpenter motions. Troy Dieckman seconds.

Motion passed.

-Part 3 Constitution: Membership requirements. Rick Syring motions to adopt changes. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion passed.

-Part 4 Constitution: Officers and Directors At Large. Verbiage concerning proxy vote discussed. Also consideration of paper ballots and votes on ZOOM discussed. Martha Lock motions against votes by proxy, and allowing votes in online meeting forums such as ZOOM, and also allowing votes by paper ballot when asked for in meetings. Bradley Wehner seconds. Motion delayed for further discussion in March meeting.

-Part 4, Section 3: Term Limits changed from 2 to 3 consecutive terms for SARA Officers. Ron Carpenter motions. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion delayed for March meeting.

-Position of Trustee to be filled by an officer of the club. Proposal to allow the trustee to be an officer in SARA, but not be President. Don McDonald motions. Rick Syring seconds. Motion carried.

-Need for a basic application/ contact form. Adam Lock (President) asked Michael Benavidez (Secretary) to create a form.

-Eligibility for SARA member to become an officer after a year of membership. Changed to 6 months of membership to a "member in good standing". Don McDonald motions. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion passed.

-Strike language concerning "bylaws" in Constitution because "bylaws" and "Constitution" seem to be one and the same. Skip Randall motions. Don McDonald seconds. Motion passed.

-Discussion about creating directors such as Social Media Director, and Director of QSL cards. Michael Benavidez motions. Matthew Bowker seconds. Motion passed.

-Discussion about meetings being documented and documentation archived. All board meetings shall be maintained and are available to the regular membership upon request. Ron Carpenter motions. Matthew Bowker seconds. Motion passed.

-Communications about upcoming meetings shall be given at least 10 days in advance. In the case of special meetings, 5 days notice should be given. Any change in a regular meeting should be made 5 days before. Ron Carpenter motions. Skip Randall seconds. Motion passed.

-Creation of Associate Membership status for people without ham radio licenses to join SARA. Price of membership: \$20/year. Loren Howard motions. Skip Randall seconds. Motion passed.

-Verbiage concerning expulsion from membership of club. 60 days of delinquent status, such as nonpayment, shall lapse before expulsion from SARA. David Newmyer motions. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion passed.

-Bylaws will be established by simple majority vote of the Membership as needed at Regular Meetings of the Association. 30 day notice shall be given for proposed Bylaws. References to bylaws eliminated from Constitution. Loren Howard motions. Ron Carpenter seconds. Motion passed.

-Meetings conducted according to rules adopted. SARA intends to conduct meetings by a modified version of Robert's Rules Of Order Light. Verbiage added to Constitution reflecting this standard.

-Allocate general funds, repeater, dues. Don McDonald motions. David Newmyer seconds. Motion passed.

-Need for treasurer to set up payment system that would accept credit card and PayPal payments. Discussed. Decision deferred for March meeting.

#### New Business:

-Event in Creede. Donkey Dash, June 11. Ron Carpenter said he would coordinate with the Creede Chamber of Commerce to move this forward.

#### Officers & Directors Reports:

-Adam Lock, President. Website & Social Media Report.

-Jim McCloskey, VP. VP Report. DroidStar.

-Dave Newmyer, Trustee: Skyhub net: Another group wants to run a net on Skyhub on Thursday night. Discuss. Can disconnect for net if new Net Controls need to.

-Michael Benavidez, Secretary: Status of minutes. Status of transition concerning Treasurer duties and work with Loren Howard.

-Loren Howard, Treasurer: Bank account. Credit Cards, PayPal, Square: Setting up alternate ways to pay dues. Treasurer's report. Covered number of paid members for 2022 so far. Audit committee.

-Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Need to get access to QRZ page. QSO parties.

-Timothy Chittum, Testing/Education: Not present due to emergency.

-Don McDonald, EMCOMM: SkyWarn training coming up March 2, 2022. Discussion of Forest Service fees for use of repeaters on forest property.

Presentation: Droidstar demonstration delayed because of Constitution discussions.

Next Meetings: Officers – 25 Feb 22, 12:30 PM -Zoom. Club – 5 Mar 22, 10:00 AM

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 12:36 PM.