

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association January 2022 Meeting Minutes

1/8/2022

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, David Newmyer, Troy Dieckman, Don McDonald, Timothy Chittum, Michael Benavidez, Martha Lock, Loren Howard, Skip Randall, Matthew Bowker, Bradley Wehner, James McCloskey, Rick Syring, Frank Flohr.

Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer: Start at: 10:15AM

Minutes: Approval of minutes from December 2021 meeting. Troy Dieckman motions. Don McDonald 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.

-Check bylaws - several minor items need to be addressed. Continued from December meeting. More review is needed. Loren Howard proposed 3 terms for officers. Constitution vote tabled for the month. Mike Benavidez motions. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion carried.

-Repeater fund: Proposed fees for repeater fund. Other alternatives discussed such as donations and grants considered. Loren Howard discussed credit card charges for fees. PayPal considered, must wait until next nonprofit filing to complete. Since SARA is a 501(c), obtaining a grant is a possibility, however nobody in the club is currently available for writing grants. Club needs to find an expert in writing grants.

-Discussion of further meeting venues. Meeting with pastor still hasn't been arranged. The club wants to continue to use current space. Alternative spaces proposed such as Adam Lock's shop. Matthew Bowker once again mentioned the Church of Christ.

-Club expenses - Discussed. The club needs an itemized list of regular expenses such as the repeater fund, the KOSLV website, the fee for the QRZ page, the P.O. box. The club still has some outstanding bills, such as paying for the repeater repair that has happened already, reimbursing Adam Lock for paying for the P.O. Box last year, among other expenses. The issue of a "budgeting redline" has also been mentioned for the event of funding future repeater outages. -SARA bank account - The club was in the process of switching banks from Colorado Bank of the Rockies to SLV Federal. Michael Benavidez and Adam Lock were tasked with closing the Bank of the Rockies account and obtaining a cashier's check of club funds to move to the new bank account.

### New Business:

-The blackout and SARA's level of preparedness. Discussed at length. Issues included the need for EMMCOMM training. Timothy Chittum discussed the need for a telephone chain to be activated in the event of future city and valley wide emergencies. A coherent plan is needed.

### Officers & Directors Reports:

-Adam Lock, President. Social media site mentioned. Also, the next meeting may need a zoom setup. Shared observations from the blackout on 12/20/21.

-Jim McCloskey, VP. Reported.

-Dave Newmyer, Trustee: Reported status of the repeater and the problem of interference that occurred during the previous Thursday night SARA net. The 2M repeater machine is not active. Discussion over alternate repeater networks as possible repeaters to hook into. Loren Howard motioned to stay with Skyhub. Timothy Chittum seconds. Motion carried.

-Michael Benavidez, Secretary. Reported nominal progress in assuming secretarial duties. Continuing to assist Loren Howard in transitioning to Treasurer duties and setting up new bank account. Currently in progress.

-Loren Howard, Treasurer. Reported not having access to Bank of the Rockies account. SARA bank account currently being switched over to SLV Federal Bank soon.

-Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Not present at meeting, but still needs to obtain passwords for running QRZ webpage. Also needs to organize Thursday night SARA net schedule. (Since then, a signup page for net control has been established).

-Timothy Chittum, Testing/Education: Discussed the urgent need for EMMCOMM training and setting up a system of communication in the event of another regional event such as the blackout.

-Don McDonald, EMCOMM. Provided ARES training manuals to club. Discussed the EMMCOMM presentation to be held after the meeting.

Presentation: EMMCOMM and the need for ARES training.

Next Meetings: Officers - Feb meeting was on 1/28/22 at 12:30PM via Zoom. Feb 2022 meeting will be on 2/5/2022 at 10AM.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at: 12:09 PM Martha Lock motioned, Skip Randall seconds.