

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association April Meeting Minutes

2 Apr 2022

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, Troy Dieckman, David Newmyer, Don McDonald, Mark Wittler, Stephen Jensen, Jason Kenison, Matthew Bowker, Alexandra Bowker, Michael Benavidez, Skip Randall, Frank Flohr, Loren Howard, Bob McClelland.

Call to Order/Pledge/Prayer: Start at: 10:08

Minutes: Approval of minutes from March 2022 meeting. Motion made by Troy Dieckman, Don McDonald seconds. Minutes approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: No additional items to add to the agenda.

Old Business/Open Issues:

- Annual dues to remain at \$36 per person & \$54 per year for a family. Associate Membership is \$20 per year. Bring to the meeting or mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144. Prorated. Rate remains the same for 2022.
- Vote on changes to SARA Constitution. Quorum is $\frac{1}{4}$ total membership which could be an issue in the future, SARA may need to raise the number. But as it stands, the quorum is based on annual meeting requirements. Troy Dieckman motions, Skip Randall seconds. Changes approved.
- Cinco De Mayo – Preparations in progress. The issue of 2nd block needs to be resolved. Location to set up will be determined.
- SOTA/POTA participation. Issue tabled from March meeting. Stephenson's on hiatus concerning this. SARA is interested, but no specific plans being made at this time.
- Club Expenses. Setting up a payment system with PayPal and other means. Work in progress.
- Meeting Venues. SARA is booked in the Baptist Church through June. Adam Lock proposed reaching out to church for another six-month block of time.
- Skywarn training. Setup for training is still in progress. Online training is an option.
- Presentation to city council about SARA is still in progress. Adam is consulting with ARES people in Colorado. Officers likely to work on recording podcast relating to publicity.

New Business:

- Dual call sign. Jim found no new information. The procedure is pretty straightforward. SARA does have an event call sign that's likely to be used.
- Donkey Dash.... Preparations still in progress. Don still working on coordinating. Date: Saturday, June 11. Event will be early morning, but overnight accommodations will be available. Another event in the works: A running race, Human Potential. ARES event connected to Donkey Dash.
- Field Day: Preparations in progress for 25-26 June. Details discussed. Frank Flohr is in charge of this. Expenses: \$305 overall; \$25 application fee, \$80 to rent park, \$200 refundable deposit. SARA plans on taking part for exposure. Adam will work on the publicity. Loren Howard motions to spend funds, Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion carried. - Testing (after meeting): Next testing session in July. SARA needs to post materials for licenses. There is also a new procedure for license fees which involves online payment to FCC. Price of license is going up on April 19.

Officers & Directors Reports:

- Adam Lock, President. Reminded group about membership fees. Website and social media report given. Website doing well. Numbers will be provided later. Event calendar update in progress. SARA's registration with the Colorado Secretary Of State concerning nonprofit status needs to be maintained. \$10 fee is required. Frank Flohr motions to pay fee, Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion carried.
- Jim McCloskey, VP. Contests coming up, POTA events in planning stage. Nothing new to report

-Dave Newmyer, Trustee: CCARC meeting coming up. Upcoming vote on new chairperson and frequency coordinator. Dave needs an updated membership list and to pay membership fee. NCS will determine if SARA stays connection with Skyhub.

-Michael Benavidez, Secretary. Secretary's report: Need to get back on track with membership application, especially for capability stats on SARA members.

-Loren Howard, Treasurer. Gave Treasurer's Report. Still working on annual report.

-Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report.

QRZ page, still needs to take over webpage. Continuing to look for NCSs to run Thursday Night Net.

-Don McDonald, EMCOMM.

Donkey Dash is the main concern, especially concerning ARES activity connected to event.

-Timothy Chittum, Testing/Education: Had to step away from the job, SARA needed a replacement for the position. Don McDonald motions to appoint Matthew Bowker as replacement. Bob McClelland seconds. Motion carried. Matthew Bowker is the new Testing/Education officer.

Testing session planned for the middle of May. May 21 and 28 are proposed dates.

Presentation: Stephen Jensen. Radio Telescope Arecibo observatory, Puerto Rico

Next Meetings: Officers – April 29, 1230pm-Zoom. Club – May 7, 2022

Adjournment. Meeting ended after 1140am (secretary had to leave before end of meeting).