

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association August Meeting Minutes

6 Aug 2022

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, James Bower, Matthew Bowker, Troy Dieckman, Rick Syring, Justin Spencer, Joshua Hill, David Newmyer, Michael Benavidez, Skip Randall, Frank Flohr, Loren Howard. Zoom offered, but didn't work properly. Attendees could not hear the audio portion.

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

Minutes: Approval of minutes from July 2022 meeting. Frank Flohr motions, Troy Dieckman seconds, minutes approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda:

-NCS for SARA Net August.

-Proposal for new board position: Director of Operations. For public service and group activities. Issue will be put before the group 30 days ahead of voting, as it means a change to the constitution.

-Change date of September Meeting.

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.

-Alamosa repeater and tower. Discussion ensued. Motion to table issue due to need to explore cost. Joshua Hill motions, Loren Howard seconds. Motion tabled.

-ARES, SARA involvement going forward. Don McDonald retired from MV Sheriff's Dept, and possibly from EMMCOMM as well. New EMMCOMM officer may be needed. Discussion ensued. Simplex Net proposed. Vote not needed for Josh Hill to assist Don.

-Reimbursement to Church of Christ for use of facilities used in ham radio class. \$10 for each student. \$30 total. Frank Flohr motions, Skip Randall seconds, motion passed.

New Business:

-Moving September meeting to 2nd weekend of month because of Labor Day holiday weekend. Frank Flohr motions, Rick Syring seconds. Motion passed.

-Location for October ham radio class and related issues discussed. Classes will take place at the same location: Church of Christ, on Oct 8th and 15th. Testing on 15th for all license classes. Publicity for classes also ensued.

-Club President Adam Lock brought up the need for a Director of Operations position. Motion initially made by Frank Flohr and seconded by Skip Randall, but withdrawn due to the need to amend the club Constitution to create the position. Motion made to amend the Constitution to add a Director at Large position. Justin Spencer motion, Frank Flohr seconds. Motion passed.

-Discussion about new antenna and donated equipment.

-SARA membership forms discussed and the need to make the document user friendly to SARA members. GMRS and its license requirements discussed. Access to the repeater should require having a GMRS license on file with the club. Joshua Hill proposed adding a GMRS subchapter to SARA.

-NCS for August SARA net discussed. No vote needed.

Officers & Directors Reports:

-Adam Lock, President. Website & Social Media Report. August SARA net.

-Jim McCloskey, VP. VP report. Not present

-Dave Newmyer, Trustee: Trustee's report. Discussed Skyhub, duplexer, club repeater, and GMRS repeater.

GMRS repeater will operate on Channel 16. w/ 141 tone. CCARC fall meeting is coming up. Possibly in October.

-Michael Benavidez, Secretary. Discussed SARA membership forms and the data entry that needs to be done to be able to describe in detail SARA members' capabilities for EMMCOMM needs.

-Loren Howard, Treasurer. Treasurer's report.

-Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Not present. NCS for August SARA net already discussed.

-Matthew Bowker, Testing/Education: Testing, education, and related issues. Discussed plans for expanding classes from Technician Class to General Class licenses as well. More VE's are needed.

-Don McDonald, EMCOMM. EMMCOMM, ARES and related issues. Not present. Joshua Hill offers to assist. Consultation with Don McDonald is in the works.

Presentation: Matthew: Covered Chapter 3 from Ham Radio Class. What ham radio can do.

Next Meetings: Officers – August 25 2022, at 12:30pm on Zoom. Club Meeting – September 10 2022, at 10:00am

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 10:36 AM