

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association June Meeting Minutes

4 Jun 22

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Adam Lock, Troy Dieckman, Rick Syring, Bradley Wehner, James McCloskey, Michael Benavidez, Jason Kenison, Mark "Doc" Wittler, Skip Randall, Don McDonald

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

Minutes: Approval of minutes from April and May meeting. April minutes: James McCloskey motions, Troy Dieckman seconds, minutes approved. May minutes: Troy Dieckman motions, Don McDonald seconds, minutes approved.

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

- Coffee Donation
- Donkey Dash status
- Presentation to City Council
- Foxhunting
- Meeting place

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.
- Donkey Dash: Creede has a new Chamber Manager. SARA reached out & will meet with them after their busy season. Club is also holding back in participation of possible 10K run. GMRS repeaters are reportedly set up in the North side of Creede. Fun System repeater should be back up too.
- SARA presentation to Monte Vista City Council: Changes made to presentation especially with the issue of asking for funding. SARA needs to organize more before this happens. The focus of the presentation to Monte Vista City Council will focus on introducing our club and the public service we can perform. Presentation will happen on 16 June at 6pm. The City of Monte Vista is considering the recognition of the last week of June as Amateur Radio Week.
- POTA activations: James McCloskey reported that SARA has activated 3 parks in recent months. The club is continuing to learn about the process. Many nearby parks have yet to be activated. During the discussion, foxhunting as a new SARA activity was also discussed.
- Field Day: SARA activities scheduled to start at 9am on 25 Jun. Michael Benavidez started a list of people who will attend. Details such as fire restrictions and a possible potluck were also discussed.
- SARA meeting place: Adam Lock was finally able to establish contact with members of the Cavalry Baptist Church. SARA is allowed to use the current space until the end of the year. Obtaining internet access will enable SARA to use Zoom during meetings.
- Testing: In progress, literally during the meeting.

New Business:

- Hamfest: Coming up on July 16 in Monument, CO.
- Coffee Fund: Keeping in mind that SARA members have been using the church meeting space, SARA members have also been drinking the church's coffee. There was an ongoing proposal to pitch in for the cost. James McCloskey motions donating money for this cost. Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion carries. \$20 proposed as the cost. Skip Randall motions. Mark "Doc" Wittler seconds. Motion carries.

### Officers & Directors Reports:

- Adam Lock, President. Website & Social Media Report. Too much going on for website activity, but has been working on publicity for Field Day. Reported on website.
  - Jim McCloskey, VP. VP report: Nothing new, but did offer help with antennas.
  - Dave Newmyer, Trustee: Not present at meeting. Adam gave a report.
  - Michael Benavidez, Secretary. Attended meeting after not expecting to due to ham radio classes. Completed minutes, still need to work on creating membership applications.
  - Loren Howard, Treasurer. Treasurer's report.
  - Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. NCS still needed for upcoming month.
  - Matthew Bowker, Testing/Education: Not at meeting due to ham radio classes and subsequent testing in another location. The course is a new endeavor for the club, so there is plenty to learn about running classes.
  - Don McDonald, EMCOMM: The developments in Creede changed our plans to take part in the Donkey Dash event. SARA has a repeater in the works for the activity. SARA is expected to take part in Creede events in some capacity, in the future. ARES training discussed. SARA needs to update the membership roster for the sake of making emergency contacts. SARA should also have a primary and alternate radio frequency to monitor on a regular basis, especially on repeater and simplex. SARA may also want to monitor GMRS.
- SARA board meetings rescheduled to happen on Thursdays at 12:30. July meeting rescheduled.

Presentation: A run-through of the presentation for the MV City Council was shown.

Next Meetings: Officers – 30 Jun 22, 12:30 pm on Zoom. Club meeting – 9 Jul 22 at 10:00 am

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 11:23 am.