

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association May Meeting Minutes

7 May 2022

Attendees: In person meeting. In attendance: Don McDonald, Troy Dieckman, Dave Newmyer, Mike Benavidez, Jim McCloskey, Stephen Jensen, Mark "Doc" Wittler, Matthew Bowker, Skip Randall, Adam Lock, Martha Lock, Frank Flohr, Ron Carpenter

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

Minutes: Minutes from April meeting not ready. Will be ready for June meeting.

Addition of Items to Agenda: No additional items.

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.
- Cinco De Mayo. Event recapped by Adam Lock.
- POTA activation Dome Lakes. Recap by Jim McCloskey.
- Field Day 2022. Saturday, June 25, 9am, Chapman Park. SARA will be there for one day.
- Presentation to Monte Vista City Council and podcast update. Adam wants to pay particular attention to SARA actually delivering on promises that the club may make.
- Donkey Dash: Update. Practice activity being set up. The event, however, may be cancelled.

New Business:

- July meeting date. New date proposed to accommodate holiday weekend. July 9 proposed as meeting date. Dave Newmeyer proposed, Troy Dieckman seconds. Motion carried.
- Monte Vista Fire. Don McDonald reported on event and SARA response. Reportedly, Adam and Martha Lock set up a comm station during emergency.
- POTA activation. David Newmeyer reported a moratorium on activating new sites because of fire season, and did remind the club that all national parks are possible sites for POTA activities.

Officers & Directors Reports:

- Adam Lock, President. Website & Social Media Report. Website is doing well. Also as a reminder: be sure to give input for items that need to be included on the website. Matthew Bowker mentioned that the website should have a section for ham radio classes.
- Jim McCloskey, VP. VP report.
- Dave Newmyer, Trustee: Trustee report: CCARC. Also reminded club of cost changes for regular testing and licensing fees.
- Michael Benavidez, Secretary. April minutes will be late due to finals and graduation. May agenda provided by Adam Lock. Membership application form still in progress.
- Loren Howard, Treasurer. Adam covered report. IRS filing in progress.
- Zane Stephenson, Net, Contests & QSL Cards Report. Not present.
- Don McDonald, EMCOMM. The biggest issue was the Monte Vista fire. Reported that EMCOMM was ready when needed.
- Matthew Bowker, Testing/Education: Status on ham radio class. Classes will take place on two Saturdays: May 28 and June 4. Details for classes and testing discussed and worked out in meeting.

Presentation: Matthew Bowker was scheduled to give a presentation on space contacts but was not able to due to graduation and ham radio classes. David Newmeyer substituted as presenter on different subject.

Next Meetings: Officers – 27 May 22, 1230pm -Zoom. Club – 4 Jun 22, 10am.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 10:58am.