SARA Minutes
for March 10, 2004

Call to Order: 7:37 by Ed Wood KD5MFS in Board room

Introduction of Guests: Tom Baldwin, Boy Scout leader introduced by Glenn Mauger WB5OAF

Report of the Secretary: Approved as sent.

Report of the Treasurer: not available

Reports of Committees:

Club History - Dave Finley N1IRZ advises ongoing, verbal history only, no documents.

Getting the Club Legal - n/a, Ryan Snyder KC5WDT unable to attend this meeting

ARES - Jon Spargo KC5NTW informed that County Commission has approved the donation of the trailer by NRAO, County will license and insure it, then turn it over to SARA to equip; there is a letter at the National Science Foundation. Friday there is a statewide meeting in Albuquerque on emergency planning and homeland security which Jon intends to attend. Bear Albrecht W5VZB has manual and 12 volt telephone system for MCC (Mobile Communications Center). It loads default when turned on. Ed Wood KD5MFS will provide programmable VHF radios from fire Academy to MCC. Spargo KC5NTW passed around photos of MCC.

Technician Classes - Glenn Mauger WB5OAF is still planning, possibly by the end of April before school is out. Spargo KC5NTW said 2 employees of Socorro General Hospital interested. Finley N1IRZ to get information from ARRL re: part 97.113 and has ARRL Instructor manual. Course description is 21 1/2 hours, recommend schedule from Friday 6:00 pm (1800 hrs) to Sunday evening with test beginning at 7:30 pm (1930 hours) with 75 to 165 minute sessions. Members can instruct, applicants must read book first, pre-work may be able to cut the time. Albuquerque and Las Cruces have good success rate with single weekend. Discussed April 30-May 1 & 2, or April 23-24-25. Must check with Kalman AJ5B. Motion passed to charge $20 for the manuals in order to be able to subsidize a couple if financial hardship. Passed motion to reimburse $12 Test fee to Boy Scouts who pass.

Call Sign Changes - Bill Brundage K8HUH and Glenn Mauger WB5OAF thanked for efforts. Application has been sent to FCC. Clarence should be receiving modified license in about a week, copies to go to all transmitter locations and as needed. Then the Frequency Coordinations will be done. Press release required, and website notification.

Mobile Repeater - discussion tabled

Re-working the "Mountain" - Glenn Mauger WB5OAF reported that Information Systems Division has documents on **MOVES & MEGALINK** from

Dave Johnson KB5YIW and John Chock. Tacker had discussed rearranging the racks, no postiive time frame available, possibly in 30 days. MEGALINK will go up first, we will indentify feed lines at the top and bottom of the tower. Equipment is currently in shop, running and ready to go. Dave wants to bring equipment down off the mountain (as soon as MEGALINK is up) to troubleshoot problems. Newer equipment has higher power, but Dave Johnson does not like the controller. Equipment must be on mountain to pick up Sandia Crest. Dave Johnson and Bob Tacker must work together. May have to do a couple of nets on Simplex, or portable in town, which might be a good exercise for emergency. No knowledge at this time regarding the **220 System** which is proposed to be at the site where our repeater is now.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

CPR Training offered by John Cole for 1 day in April, the AHA First responder course for $20 each, 5 persons volunteered.

ARRL - Glenn Mauger WB5OAF needs to change records to use club address at Radio Shack and some other corrections.

Field Day - Dave Finley N1IRZ discovered that Field Day this year is scheduled the same time as the Cancer Relay for Life at Clarke Field. They have it Friday & till noon on Sat, ours on Sat & Sun. Potential conflict of space? Brundage K8HUH said that the previous relay was mostly on the field. We could use South shelter only and the area south of it. Would not be able to put big vertical in the field until they are gone due to safety concerns. Glenn Mauger WB5OAF will contact city Parks and Recreation ASAP to confirm reservation, and if OK to start putting up antennas at 8:00 am (0800 hrs) and begin transmitting at noon.

State Convention: Dave Finley N1IRZ had previously proposed our hamfest alternate as the State Convention, but the section manager had not approved it. Bill Weatherford is the new section manger, and board member Richie supports Finley's proposal; NM is a state and a secion by itself. There can be a State Convention and a Section Convention. Convention can get HQ people, request State Convention be held here to impress the City of Socorro re: funding. Hamfest Postage request has already been submitted to the City.

Good of the Organization:

Ed Wood KD5MFS is still looking for a 4 drawer, heavy duty lockable filing cabinet, preferably metal. Inquired if anyone had access to State Surplus? Could be a donation under 501C3.

Sandy Braun KB5YIX reported that Agnes Halls KA5KIE is in Socorro General Hospital with bleeding diverticulitis and would appreciate visitors.

Adjournment: at 8:50 pm (2050hrs) by Ed Wood KD5MFS