

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes — January 11, 2017

Meeting convened at 7:32 PM with 16 members and two guests

The meeting began with a short report by Section Manager Ed James KA8JMW, including ARRL updates, and mention that there are 6658 hams in New Mexico.

Program: "Homebrewing for fun and profit", by Paul Harden NA5N:

Very interesting presentation, with a lot of really good-looking examples.

He recommended checking out the BitX20 series kits (www.qrpkits.com/bitx20a.html)

Announcements

Doug May: the hospital drill had minimal ARES involvement but there are plenty of ideas and possibilities for expanded involvement and service.

Agenda approved on a motion by Jon Spargo.

Minutes of the November 9 meeting approved on a motion by Jon Spargo.

Reports:

Treasury	balance	9245.62
	TARA's portion	411.08

There has been no activity for two months, and this does not include PayPal payments.

ARES report: the State net is on the Standard Time schedule, at 5 PM on the first Sunday, 3999 KHz).

Charter School, Jon Spargo: Still need to get the dipole antenna up; have all the materials needed. Must be done after 3 PM when school is in session. Need a big extension ladder. Also have a 2-meter vertical to put up. A work session is planned for 3 PM on January 16.

TARA — no report.

Old business — repeater site rental agreement has been finalized.

Lab night will commence January 25 at 7 PM.

New Business: It was suggested that we sponsor the New Mexico QSO Party this year.

A motion to that effect was made by Jon Spargo, seconded, and passed.

Newsletter: Henry will step down as newsletter editor eventually and is looking for a replacement. He uses Micro\$oft Publisher.

Adjourned on a motion by Jon Spargo at 9:21

Bear Albrecht
Secretary