

Socorro Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2017, held in the Emergency Management Conference Room at the County Annex, 198 Neel Avenue. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM

Program: Skyler Fennel — Timber Peak 2 Meter Beacon Project — movie about turning off the beacon after it quit IDing. The beacon was effective and got reports from as far as Albuquerque. Along with the presentation Skyler gave the TARA report:

- N5ZGT will be coming for this coming Friday meeting at 7 PM
- Repeater about to be installed, 442.125 +100, on Workman roof; VHF crosslink will come later.
- TARA has a bunch of Maxtracs which will be modified for 6 meters.

Announcements

Silent Key: Bear Giles passed away on February 1; funeral to be Monday in Albuquerque

School Club Roundup February 13–17

NM Tech Fest February 25

NM QSO Party, sponsored by SARA this year, will be on April 8

ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be Cody, Wyoming, May 26–28

Central States VHF Society Convention will be in Albuquerque July 27–30

Chile Harvest Triathlon will be August 5

Duke City Hamfest (Albuquerque) will be August 11–13

Agenda approved on a motion by Jim Boswell

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REPORTS

Treasury, Anneliese Bowman — no report

ARES, Al Braun — nothing unusual, just the normal nets.

Charter School, Jon Spargo — Radio set up back in operation, antenna up; Jon will work on putting up a 2-meter antenna.

Repeater Committee –Dave Johnson, Brad Smith, Jim Boswell, Robert Greiner, Eric Stargardt

Ongoing discussion about keeping the site. Intend to bring recommendation by September meeting, in time for November renewal. Rethinking the whole thing. Good discussion about new technologies and what direction(s) we might want to head.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reroofing the shed is still planned
- Lab Night — report on last session, discussions for the next

NEW BUSINESS

- Newsletter Discussion — Henry will be stopping. No replacement editor has stepped forward.
- Other — Need to establish a nominating committee, by April. Jim Boswell appointed chairman.
- Doug May — possible ARES and NMTPD collaboration for graduation.

ADJOURNMENT per motion by Dave Johnson at 8:24

Bear Albrecht, Secretary