



Minutes of the Meeting of June 13, 2018, EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Jim Boswell; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the previous two meetings were approved: Motion for April 11 was made by Jon Spargo, and for May 9 by Jim Lommen. Both motions were seconded and passed.

Election of officers: Seconded and passed. Ballots were passed around, marked, collected, and tabulated during reports.

- Treasury — Luis Aguilar: Beginning balance \$12,617.75, deposits \$50.82, final \$12,668.57; TARA balance is \$645.45
- ARES — Al Braun AC5BX: All the usual nets. Nothing special happened this month.
- Charter School — Jon Spargo KC5NTW: one of the students who got his Technician license is going to study for the General. Also in light of the Technician test pool change, Jon will order five of the new books at the discounted price of \$22 each from ARRL; a motion to authorize the total expenditure of \$110 was made by Bear Albrecht, seconded, and approved.
- TARA — Skyler Fennel KD0WHB: Not much happening since school is out, but Tyler Mabraten is going for his General Class license, and TARA members are helping get "KTEK" (the Part 15 AM station) back on the air.
- Repeaters including D-Star — lengthy report by Ray Calkins N0RBT, William Heller KG5NGN, and Skyler Fennell KD0WHB: Made five trips up during the past week. First trip they found that there were no working lights at all in the building; they got a case of fluorescent tubes from Facilities and then found that half of the fixtures have bad ballasts. That problem will have to be dealt with by Facilities. A laptop has been installed in place of the other computer; there have been some problems, probably including the fact that it only has one real ethernet port and has the other faked with USB. A computer with two ethernet ports may be necessary. Ray also mentioned a system called IRC-DDB which can run concurrently with D-Star. And regarding 1.2 GHz D-Star, the County will obtain coax and connectors and materials for mounting the antenna. There is a possibility of doing 1.2 GHz voice, not just data, and that will require an expensive triplexer as well as coordination for a frequency pair. For data a single channel is used and coordination is not required.
- State Convention plans update — Jim Lommen KC7QY: We might use Chartwell's for the banquet, at New Mexico Tech's Fidel Center ballroom. Price will be \$20 per person. One ballroom section (of a total of three) will accommodate 50 to 60 people. We could do two sections if needed.
Signage — Prescott Grey W1PCG: The current stock of signs is serviceable, with the paper fronts on some getting replaced.
- Field Day — Jon Spargo about food: it's proven impractical to guess what soft drinks people will want so just water will be provided. Anyone wanting soft drinks can bring their own. He suggested that \$100 for food cost would again be adequate, and Prescott Grey made a motion to approve that. It was seconded and passed. Jim Boswell said we would have a Ten-Tec Eagle and a Yaesu FT-990. We will also have the County's antenna trailer. The little community building next to the fire station will be available, including its kitchen

facilities.

New Business: Prescott Grey asked for feedback on the new web site he has begun building. Consensus was positive and that he should go ahead and "go live" with it.

Lab Night — Bear Albrecht W5VZB: we had a good session on May 23, mainly concerned with management and operation of the repeaters. Next Lab Night will be June 27.

ELECTION RESULT:7

President: Skyler Fennell KD0WHB

Vice President: Brad Smith KD5JNI

Secretary: Ray Calkins N0RBT

Treasurer: William Heller KG5NGN

The election is effective immediately upon adjournment of the meeting.

Past President is Jim Boswell KA5SIW

Approval of Fiscal Agents. Moved and seconded.

"Skyler Fennell, President; Brad Smith, Vice-president; Ray Calkins, Secretary; William Heller, Treasurer; having been duly elected at the June 13, 2018 meeting of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association and James Boswell, Past-President are granted signature authority for Socorro Amateur Radio Association for approving checks for debits. Luis Aguilar, Eric "Bear" Albrecht and James Lommen having completed their terms are hereby removed."

Motion was approved.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Bear Albrecht W5VZB, Secretary