



Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2018, EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-President Brad Smith; a quorum was present.

No introductions.

Program: Bear and Brad demonstrated a Software Defined Receiver, with further demonstration after the formal meeting.

Agenda approved with a slight correction to a call sign. Motion for approval by Ray Calkins, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting was approved: Motion for approval made by Jon Spargo, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Announcement: Jon Spargo announced Steve Grossman silent key. Widow requested club's assistance with the radio gear. Jon Spargo will inventory and the club will assist in a manner to be determined. Gear purchases by individual club members and HamFest silent auction were discussed as options.

- Treasury — William Heller
\$12668.57 balance
\$645.45 TARA
\$90 deposits
\$90 expenditures pending on signature authority.
- ARES — Al Braun AC5BX: requests update for ARES membership/callout list.
- Charter School — Jon Spargo KC5NTW: Ordered and received 5 of the new tech class books from ARRL @ \$22/book. Invoice pending.
Two students working on General.
One HS student getting a book and tutoring.
- Hamfest - no report.
- Field Day – Jim Boswell presented photos and details of the event. Score 438 points. Lost out on bonus points: no public official visit or notice in the paper. Tentec Eagle needs troubleshooting. More operators needed. Found problems, solved problems, exercised equipment. Bands were generally dead, poor propagation.
- TARA — no report
- Lab Night - Pizza and SDR. Much fun and discussion. Six attending.
- Repeaters including D-Star — D-STAR is up, thanks to Ed James for his assistance. Testing existing

system for a month, then minor upgrades and supplement with ircDDB. (IrcDDB is similar to D-STAR, but with better documentation, is non-proprietary and has more features. It can be run concurrently on the existing D-STAR system).

1.2 GHz addition is moving along.

The .68 machine needs to be moved. It runs on a Yaesu, 1996 vintage. Timeout add-on not working.

Batteries, charger and SWR need to be checked.

Antennas and feedlines for digipeater and APRS were changed by William Heller and Ray Calkins. Thanks to Paul Choc for donating them. Discussed of what the club can do for Paul Choc, lifetime membership was mentioned.

Jon Spargo noted the need for a double lead harness with shock arrestor for tower work.

Ubiquity link to the garden shed discussed. The possibility was raised that Tech may seek additional fees for the connectivity. Brad Smith suggests a link into town might be a viable option. Socorro Peak weather station proposed, suggestion was made that it be located at the garden shed.

No further input from the floor

Ray Calkins made the motion to adjourn. Brad Smith called the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2035.

Ray Calkins, N0RBT