



Minutes of the Meeting of August 8, 2018, in the 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 KD5JNI; a quorum was present.

No introductions.

Announcements: Duke City Hamfest in September.

Steve Grossman's (SK) wife gave his equipment away instead of having SARA sell it at HamFest silent auction.

Program: Jim Boswell KA5SIW provided narration of the aftermath of the San Antonio flooding accompanied by a slide show of photos taken by Bear.

Agenda approved, motion by Jon Spargo KC5NTW. Seconded and unanimous vote with no discussion.

July minutes approved, motion for approval as posted by Jim Lomman, KC7QY. Seconded and unanimously vote with no discussion.

Reports:

Treasury — Bill Heller KG5NGN reports the current bank statement had not arrived prior to the meeting and that we are awaiting Skyler's return for the officers to autograph the signature card.

Three reimbursements will be made for club related expenditures.

ARES — Al Braun AC5BX reports all the usual nets. SARA supported the Chile Harvest Triathlon.

Charter School — Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports the new books arrived and the invoice is presented for reimbursement. A student is studying for General class license, two likely Technician retests.

Hamfest — Jim Lomman KC7QY reports that Chartwell is catering the banquet at the Fidel Center ballroom. Banquet speaker announced; the Friday VLA tour and Fire Academy facility have been confirmed. The city has provided \$1500 from the lodger's tax for event promotion, which will allow flyers to be sent over a larger radius. Request for more V.E.s. Duke City table on Friday. Prescott and Jim will produce the flier. NMT approved the use of their franking via TARA.

D-Star — Ray Calkins N0RBT reports that Ed James KA8JMW has resolved some outstanding problems since G3 upgrade with Brad's assistance. Upgrade to 1.2 GHz is planned for September. Upgrade to IrcDDB has been postponed, per Ed James' recommendation. Ed presented his Raspberry Pi based ircDDB repeater. Thursday nights, 8:00 NM D-STAR net, autolinked from the local repeater.

Old Business:

Weather station: Further discussion was made about putting a weather station atop Socorro peak. Prescott Grey W1PCG offered his old weather station to the club for \$100. No motion was made at this time, no further action on this item at this time.

A demonstration of the club's appreciation for Paul Choc, WA5IHL was discussed. Ed James made the motion that the executive committee be tasked with procuring the plaque, banquet tickets and complimentary membership. The motion was seconded with no further discussion, unanimously approved by vote.

New Business: no new business.

Announcement: following first steam, 29th open house of the steam locomotive restoration in Albuquerque. It will have a ham radio station aboard the baggage/tool car once it hits the rails. Brad and Bill announced they both have spectrum analyzers available.

Adjournment at 8:47.