



Minutes of the Meeting of September 12, 2018, in the EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave.

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

No introductions.

Announcements: Skyler announced the Duke City Hamfest is a little over a week away. Jim Lommen stated that preregistration are strongly preferred. Anne Bowman requested a write up of the even from anybody attending for the newsletter.

Program: no program.

Reports:

Treasury — Bill Heller the current bank statement arrived just prior to the meeting: \$12698.57 beginning balance, \$47.22 deposits, \$414.02 checks. \$12,331.77 current balance. Deposited checks: \$10. Approximately \$100 is residing in the PayPal account that needs to be moved over. TARA balance is unchanged.

ARES — Al Braun reports all the usual nets. He further states “someone higher up in ARES” asked everybody to check to ensure their local NM5EM repeater is still functional. Al reports they are exercised once a month, but is unsure about the intent of the inquiry.

Charter School — Jon Spargo reports six students are studying for Technician and one for General. Currently in chapter 2 out of 9. Jon purchased a white board out of pocket.

D-Star — Ray Calkins said there is nothing new to add. Reese was slated to build the mount and install the antenna, as he already has a suitable harness. Bear has expressed intent to purchase a triplexer to put both 1.2 GHz voice and data on the air. Both modules are currently sitting in the rack, but not hooked up.

TARA — Skyler reports West Peak approvals are in progress. AT&T is going up and TARA has to wait 3-4 weeks to put up their 440 repeater. Skyler is looking for a folded dipole colinear antenna instead of a simple fiberglass antenna.

Lab Night — Bear reports lab night continues to be a fun event.

Old Business: Hamfest — Five radios on order from Icom. We got a great deal, much be 7300 HF, ID51A dual band D-STAR HT, ID 5100A Deluxe Dual band, ID4100 VHF D-STAR, T70 handheld and still \$60 left in the budget after shipping.

Chartwells is lined up to cater the banquet. The Fire Academy is verified. Flier lick and stick party planned for Monday. There was a bit of discussion about how to target our mailings better. An onsite food vendor is still being sourced.

SARA has a Hamfest club table reserved, volunteers are requested to sit at the table. Several people volunteered to attend to this duty.

A motion was made by Anne to reimburse Prescott an estimated \$350 for fliers and postage. The motion was seconded, no discussion ensued and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

An award for Paul Choc was discussed. Bear offered to contact him to verify whether he would attend the banquet.

SARA has not been billed for the Socorro Peak repeater location and it is coming up on a new billing cycle.

New Business: The club's Ten-Tec Eagle needs repair, output distortion was noted during Field Day by Brad using his SDR. Several options were discussed for repair and troubleshooting.

The 2019 Federal budget currently is scheduled to defund much of NIST, including WWV stations.

Bear reported on the 34th annual Alamogordo Hamfest. He says it was small but pretty good.

Prescott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Skyler. No discussion, unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.