



Minutes of the Meeting of January 9, 2019, in the EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave. The meeting was called to order at 1930 by President Prescott Grey. Introductions on account of a new member.

Presentation: Dr. Matthew T. Heizler gave a fascinating presentation on radioisotope dating of regional river deposits.

Announcements:

Upcoming Albuquerque Winter Tailgate as noted in the newsletter.

Those who contributed to the SARA newsletter were commended.

NM Techfest Feb 23.

Tech S&R requests a VE session in May, while Jon Spargo requests a VE session for his Charter School hamsters in late April. It would be best if these two test sessions were combined.

Make sure the EOC door is locked when you leave.

The SARA board again met and worked on an agreement with Socorro county, as the current agreement is set to expire soon.

Agenda and minutes approved by separate unanimous votes.

Motion made by Bear for Prescott Grey, President; Brad Smith, Vice President; Ray Calkins, Secretary; and William Heller, Treasurer; and James Lommen, Past President; are granted signature authority for the Socorro Amateur Radio Association for the purpose of approving checks for debts. Skyler Fennel and James Boswell, having resigned as President and Past President respectively, shall be removed as signatories. Approved by unanimous vote.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Begin: \$13,883.83

Spent : \$2,421.27

End: \$11,462.56

Transferred \$900 from Paypal

\$79 and change remaining in the Paypal account

ARES: Al Braun reports the usual nets

Charter School: Now on chapter 7 out of 9 with six students, then review and practice exams after.

Repeater: Bear states the power transfer switch for generator has missing cover. This will be replaced. Al Braun notes .68 repeater interference seems to have abated.

Hamfest: Jim Lommen Still need to send in an application for reimbursement from the city.

Old business:

Prescott requests a crew be formed to move the .68 machine into the SARA rack. Ray and Jim volunteered stepped up to make this happen.

Reminder to renew expired badges for mountain access.

Mountain weather station project shelved until further notice.

Lab night: Bill proposed an Arduino class, Ray proposed a refresher on link budgets.

NM QSO party is typically 0800-2000, the 2nd Saturday in Feb.

Field day: possibility of doing something with Rocky Mountain Hams and using the San Antonio community center were discussed.

HamFest scheduling discussed, with the possibility of resolving the conflict with 49'ers. Food vendor already on board.

Prescott made the motion to request \$50 funding to purchase plugins to develop a photo gallery for the SARA website. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Doug May reported on the response and mitigation on the Capilla peak failure, where wind and ice toppled a tower and ripped open the shack. As they have exhausted their treasury, they are seeking for additional membership. \$35 for general membership and \$15 for seniors over 65.

Henry announced a webinar on 2m and 70 cm antennas.

A round of thanks was given to Jim Lommen for hosting the Christmas potluck.

Meeting adjourned 2053.