



Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2019, held in the EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave. The meeting began at 1930 with a presentation.

Presentation – Jim Jackson, NRAO: technical design of the Next Generation Very Large Array. The new design is being build with current technology with a mind toward achieving their science goals with higher reliability and lower maintenance costs.

Business Meeting - Approval of agenda, motion by Prescott. June and July meeting minutes approved, motion by Jon Spargo.

Announcements - Aug 31st - Alamogordo Hamfest

Sept 14th - Harvey House OTA

Sept 20th -22nd - Duke City Hamfest

Update on proposed takeover of 2m band for French aviation.

Dec 6th -7th - State Tech Robotics Challenge @ Saracino Middle School.

Volunteers needed.

New Business

Reports (brevity will be appreciated)

Treasury - Henry Newton KC5YWA

\$13202.31 Beginning balance

-\$200.00 ARRL Insurance

-\$80.79 Jon Spargo for Field Day food

-\$36.34 blank checks

+\$35.00 dues

\$645.45 TARA balance

\$66.46 Paypal (Includes \$25.00 of recently collected dues)

\$12,895.18 Ending balance, less TARA

ARES - Al Braun AC5BX: Usual nets. Wed night Socoro county ARES, tri-county ARES on Thursday night, MCOM net from the AOC first Sunday each month. Chile Harvest triathalon public service, Dave Finley ran the net. There was a recent FEMA exercise, 6 or 7 check-ins.

Repeater - Ray Calkins N0RBT

Skyler and Ray put a notch filter on the output of the BNSF repeater to fix harmful interference on the TARA repeater. More details in the latest SARA newsletter.

Hamfest - Jim Lommen KC7QY

Vendors are beginning to respond to raffle prize requests.

Banquest location TBD.

October 19th. Same weekend as 49ers.

Fire academy approved the usage.

Charter School – Jon Spargo

Parent-teacher pot luck tomorrow evening for radio class sign up.

Lab night - 1800, August 28th.

Old Business

Triathlon. The Defensor Cheftain reported the AM Radio Club donated headsets for the event.

Brad provided loudspeakers with inspirational music

County agreement pending.

Meeting will stay at 1930 until further notice.

SARA has an Internet group: <https://groups.io/g/SocorroARA>

Great tool for for group discussions and file sharing.

New Business

Police repeater fox hunt. No transmissions since announcement.

Good of the Organization

Discussion of attempted takeover of the 2 meter band.

Adjournment at 2054