

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for 12 April 2023 Meeting
By Henry Newton, KC5WYA

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 12 March 2023 at the EM Conference Room in the Socorro County Annex at 198 Neel Ave. Jim Lommen (SARA President) called the meeting to order at 730 hours. Henry Newton (Treasurer) took notes.

1. Introductions: The members present introduced themselves to the guest speaker.
2. Program: Lamgmuir Labs Study of Sprites by Luis Contreras Vidal, Physics Ph.D. Program. The program started promptly at 730pm and ended at 753pm. It was very informative.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Alien City Hamfest will happen on 15 April in Roswell. Details at: <https://www.pecosvalleyarc.com/alien-city-hamfest-2023>
 - b. There will be an Albuquerque tailgate on 15 April 2023 at the American Legion Post 13 parking lot off Lomas. The event starts at sunrise and is being hosted by Ken, KO5Y.
 - c. Duke City Hamfest is sometime in Sep 2023. Some internet searches appear to indicate 15-17 Sep 2023. But watch <https://www.dukecityhamfest.org/> for updates.
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: Jon Spargo moved to approved followed by Bill Heller seconding. Motion was approved.
 - b. Approval of minutes from 8 March 23 SARA meeting. Jon Spargo moved to approved followed by Brad Smith seconding. Motion was approved.
5. Reports:
 - a. Treasury:
 - i. Henry Newton presented the Treasury Report for March 2023. There was no March income or debits. The closing balance was \$11,730.79 and that amount contains TARA funds in the amount of \$645.45
 - ii. The Kalman Memorial Fund remains static at \$513.34

- b. ARES: Al Braun reported the Wednesday AREA net continues and the Thursday Tri-County net continue. Al also indicated a replacement for the NM5EM repeater is in the works. Brad Smith indicated the road to the repeater site is in good shape.
 - c. Charter School: Jon Spargo indicated the VE exam is set for 23 April at noon in Workman Hall, Room 116, at NMTech. Jon said there were 3 adults and 6 youth ready for the test. Jon said some of the youth participated soldering audio “pickups” for a cigar box guitar.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller reported the QSO exercise was a success. Bill also indicated the TARA President will graduate in May.
 - e. Repeater: The NM5EM repeater is programmed for replacement. See 5.b. above.
 - f. Lab Night: Lab night will happen on the 4th Wednesday of April 2023 at 600pm (new spring/summer hour).
6. Old Business:
- a. SARA Hamfest:
 - i. The 21 Oct 2023 SARA Hamfest was discussed.
 - ii. The Fire Academy has approved use of its facility for the SARA Hamfest.
 - iii. If the Albuquerque September Hamfest doesn’t happen, that will help attendance at the SARA Hamfest.
 - iv. Jim Lommen will post the SARA Hamfest event to ARRL.
 - v. There will be a Friday night Hamfest dinner. Location and speaker are TBD.
 - vi. Since the NRAO VLA facility is now “open”, there may be a tour of the facility during the SARA Hamfest. Jon Spargo is investigating this.
 - vii. Some investigation of food trucks has occurred.
 - b. County Agreement:
 - i. The “agreement” document between SARA and the County is under review by SARA. At first glance, the document did not have any “payment” provisions.
7. New Business:
- a. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers:
 - i. Since the slate of officers development has not occurred, it was decided to obtain a slate at this (12 April) meeting. The following agreed to continue in their respective positions:
 - 1. Jim Lommen, President
 - 2. Brad Smith, Vice President

3. Henry Newton, Treasurer
 - ii. Rick Lively agreed to run for the Secretary position.
 - iii. This slate will be presented to the members before the May meeting. As always, the members may propose others for nomination to the four positions.
 - b. Field Day: Field Day will happen on 24-25 of June at the Fire House in San Antonio, NM. Jon Spargo has agreed to cook and Brad Smith will bring a gas grill.
8. Good of the Organization:
- a. Members are reminded that there is an informal dinner at El Camino prior to the monthly meetings.
 - b. The guest speaker, Luis Contreras indicted the Socorro Chile Triathlon will happen on 4 & 5 August 2023. SARA furnishes communications on the bicycle phase of this event.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 850pm.



SARA 12 April 2023 Meeting Attendees

#	Last name, first name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	NEWTON, HENRY	KC5WYA		
2	Boswell James	KA5STW		
3	Brad Smith	KD5JNI		
4	Jim Lannon	KC7QY		
5	Bill Heller	KG5NGN		
6	Rick Lively	KI5GDB		
7	Sandy Brown	KB5QIX		
8	Al Brown	AC5TBX		
9	Jon Spargo	KC5NTW		
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