

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for 10 May 2023 Meeting
By Henry Newton, KC5WYA

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 10 May 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: No introductions.
2. Program: No program.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Eastern NM Hamfest will be held on 27 May at Clovis.
 - b. The Duke City Hamfest was cancelled 7 May 23 due to lack of participation.
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: Bill Heller moved to approve followed by Rick Lively seconding. Motion was approved.
 - b. Approval of minutes from 12 April 23 SARA meeting. Brad Smith moved to approve followed by Bill Heller seconding. Motion was approved.
5. Reports:
 - a. Treasury:
 - i. Henry Newton presented the Treasury Report for March 2023. There were no April debits. Income consisted of \$100 from the VE Sessions and a \$5 donation. The closing balance was \$11,835.79 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 continues. Al also reported no word on the NM5EM repeater replacement.
 - c. Charter School: The VE testing session was a success. There were three General participants and two Technician participants passing.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller also indicated the TARA President (Jerrod) will graduate in just a few days. Bill also indicated the Student Government group

wants the Tech Radio Room. Bill and Jerrod will inventory the radio equipment soon.

e. Repeater: EMRTC access renewals are available.

f. Lab Night: Lab night will happen on 24 May 2023 at 700pm.

6. Old Business:

a. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers:

i. The slate of officers from the 12 April meeting remains static. 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. Voting will happen at the June 2023 meeting.

iv. Membership dues renewals are due by the end of June 2023. All members with up-to-date dues are eligible to vote at the 14 June meeting.

b. Field Day: Field Day will happen on 24-25 of June at the Fire House in San Antonio, NM. The availability of radios was discussed with several members volunteering to bring radios in case the SARA radios had problems.

c. SARA Hamfest:

i. The 21 Oct 2023 SARA Hamfest was discussed.

ii. The SARA Hamfest will be held at the Fire Academy from 800am to 200pm.

iii. The cancellation of the Duke City Hamfest will likely help attendance at the SARA Hamfest.

iv. Jim Lommen has forwarded the event information to ARRL but ARRL has been slow to post.

v. There will be a Friday night Hamfest dinner. Location and speaker are TBD.

vi. Some investigation of food trucks has occurred.

vii. Rick Lively will update the SARA website with the Hamfest information.

viii. There will be seminars, a VE Session, and tailgate.

7. New Business: None.

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 FCC is requiring RF exposure test.
 - i. The ARRL link with details and a calculator is at:
<http://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure>
 - ii. A QST article on the matter is available at:
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Lab/RF%20Exposure/2023-05%20Lapin%20FCC%20Exposure%20Rules.pdf>

The meeting adjourned at approximately 840pm.

10 May 2023 Meeting Attendees

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#	Last name, first name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	NEWTON, HENRY	KC5WYA		
2	Rick Lively	KI5 GDB		
3	James Boswell	KAS5W		
4	Bill Heller	KBSNG		
5	Jim Lomen	KC7QY		
6	Al Brown	AC5BX		
7	Sandy Braun	KB5QIX		
8	Dean Albrecht	W5VZB		
9	Smith Bird	KD5JNI		
10	Geoffrey Astley			Vister
11	William Anderson	KI5 HQI		
12	James Price	K4T		
13	Matthew Price	KI5 VEW		
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