

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for 14 June 2023 Meeting
By Henry Newton, KC5WYA

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 14 June 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: Jim asked all attendees to identify themselves with name and call sign.
2. Program: No program.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Rocky Mountain Division Hamfest will be held in Albuquerque on 12-13 Aug 23. See flyer at last page of this document.
 - b. There will be a "Ken KO5Y" tailgate in Albuquerque north of Lomas on Saturday, 17 June 23.
 - c. QSX Reports was presented by Jim Lommen and discussed.
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: Gail Tripp moved to approve followed by Brad Smith seconding. Motion was approved.
 - b. Approval of minutes from 12 April 23 SARA meeting. Gail Tripp moved to approve followed by Ray Calkins seconding. Motion was approved.
 - c. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. There were eight proxies submitted and a quorum was present. There were no nominations from the floor. Bill Heller made a motion to vote on the slate. Gail Tripp seconded the motion. The slate of Jim Lommen for President, Brad Smith for Vice President, Henry Newton for Treasurer and Rick Lively for Secretary was approved.
 - d. All elected officers are considered "signers" to the SARA Wells Fargo Bank account. The signers are: Jim Lommen, Brad Smith, Henry Newton, Rick Lively, and Al Braun (financial fiduciary). Henry Newton as SARA Treasurer, will coordinate with Wells Fargo to add Rick Lively as a "signer" and remove Prescott Grey and William Anderson.

5. Reports:

a. Treasury:

- i. Henry Newton presented the Treasury Report for May 2023. Debits consisted of \$100 to ARRL-VE for the testing materials. Income of \$62.51 came from Amazon Smile and dues from: Matthew & James Price, Henry Newton, Al & Sandy Braun plus \$5 donation. The closing balance was \$11,798.30 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 indicated the EOC was on “high alert” on Saturday, 10 June 23 because of a biker funeral.
- c. Charter School: Jon Spargo reported no classes in school summer. Jon reported he is getting two youth groups together to study and participate in a Los Lunas VE testing session. Jon will recruit students in a “parents” meeting at the Charter School prior to the fall semester.
- d. TARA: Bill Heller there are no TARA students. Bill also indicated he has an inventory of TARA equipment in Workman Building.
- e. Repeater: The 146.680 repeater is working fine. The NM5EM repeaters will be re-assembled.
- f. Lab Night: Lab night will happen on 28 June at 600pm.

6. Old Business:

a. Field Day:

- i. Field Day will happen on 24-25 of June at the Fire House in San Antonio, NM.
- ii. The mobile tower will be in San Antonio on Friday, 23 June 23.
- iii. Gail Tripp secured the Fire House at San Antonio, NM
- iv. Penny Lommen will purchase the food (a previous meeting approved \$100 for Field Day food).
- v. Brad Smith has a grill.
- vi. There was a discussion on radios and antennas.

b. 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. There will be a Friday night Hamfest dinner. Henry Newton will contact Dr. Ryan, MRO, (eileen.ryan@nmt.edu) as a potential dinner speaker.
 - iv. Jim has not heard from Robert with the burrito truck.
 - v. Jim indicated \$1700 will cover the Oct 23 hamfest prizes. Brad Smith made a motion to approve \$1700 for prize purchase. Jon Spargo seconded the motion and a vote approved the motion.
 - vi. It was decided to hold the dinner on Friday, 20 Oct 23 at the Masonic Hall. Jim Lommen will contact Sofia's to see about catering.
 - vii. Jim Lommen will investigate VLA tours with Summer Ash from NRAO.
 - viii. There was discussion regarding the SARA Facebook page. Bear Albrecht cleaned up the page during the meeting with removal of "cancelled items".
- c. Pre-meeting dinner: There was general consensus to use Yo Mamas restaurant because El Camino had problems.
- 7. New Business:
 - a. EOC Work Party. Bill Heller, Bear Albrecht, and Gail Tripp will work on the situation.
 - 8. Good of the Organization: None
 - 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 831pm.

Submitted by Henry Newton, KC5WYA, 15 June 2023

10 May 2023 Meeting Attendees

SARA 14 June 2023 Meeting Attendees

#	Last name, first name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Newton, Henry	KC5WYA		
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4	Lindig, Rick	K15GDB		
5	Quintana, Neil	K6ZQY		
6	Ray, Cathy	N0RBI		
7	Anne Bowman	AD6UY		
8	William Heller	K6SNC-16		
9	Holly Gearing			guest
10	Leahy, Petra (Ellis)	KE5WVH	sobierewitch@gmail.com	425 214 2099
11	Sarah Bird	KD5JNI		
12	Basil Albrecht	W5VZB	W5VZB.NM@gmail.com	
13	Al Breuer	H05BX		
14	David Birrell	KB5LIX		
15	Jon Spargo	KC5NFW		
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