

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for May 08, 2024 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 08 May 2024 at the EM Conference Room in the Socorro County Annex at 198 Neel Ave. Jim Lommen (SARA President) called the meeting to order at 1940 hours. Rick Lively (Secretary) took notes.

1. Introductions: we were joined by Nigel Blamey, VA3PUG. Introductions were made.
2. Program: None.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Alien City Hamfest – 11 May (Roswell)
 - b. ARRL Rocky Mtn Division Convention – 12-13 July (St. George, UT)
 - c. The VLA has returned to normal visitations (Timed-entry is no longer enforced. It is open to the public from 9 AM to 4 PM, 7 days a week.)
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: A motion and second were made to approve the agenda and the motion passed.
 - b. Approval of minutes from the 10 April 2024 SARA meeting: A motion and second were made to approve the minutes and the motion passed.
 - c. Change of Bylaws to remove the current dues amount was approved.
 - d. The dues increase to \$20 (individual) / \$30 (family) was approved.
5. Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee nominated the current team of officers. No additional nominations were made. The nominees all agreed to serve an additional term and were approved.
 - a. President: Jim Lommen
 - b. Vice-President: Brad Smith
 - c. Treasurer: Henry Newton
 - d. Secretary: Rick Lively
 - e. Past President: Al Braun
6. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton presented the Treasurer Report for April 2024.
 - i. SARA entered April 24 with \$10,232.37.
 - ii. There were no debits.
 - iii. Income included \$600 in City of Socorro lodgers tax resulting from the Oct 23 SARA Hamfest and \$50 from American Online Giving Foundation.
 - iv. SARA left April 24 with \$10,882.37 and that amount includes \$645.45 in TARA funds.
 - b. ARES:

- i. Al Braun reported that the Wednesday ARES net, the Thursday Tri-County net, and the Socorro County ARES Group net are continuing.
 - ii. Al also reported that the VE Session on April 28 had 5 VEs and 2 examines, with 1 passing at the Technician level. Another VE session is scheduled for 2 June from 9 AM to 12 PM in 124 Cramer Hall.
 - c. Charter School: no update.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller reported that he will resend his invitation to the Tech EE and Physics department students to the VE session on June 2.
 - e. Repeaters: There was a discussion of the DSTAR repeater with regards to the upcoming EOL for its Linux version.
 - f. Lab night: 22 May
7. Old Business:
- a. NM QSO Party: There was a discussion of participation in the NM QSO Party.
 - b. Field Day – June 22-23 in San Antonio
 - c. Lab Day for Tech / Charter School students was discussed. More information on facilities, equipment, and location is needed.
8. New Business:
- a. Other – Rick Lively will contact Yul Bratcher about offering a SkyWarn class.
9. Good of the Organization: None
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2030 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, 4 June 2024

8 May 2024 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rick Livols	K25G DG		
2	HENRY NEWTON	KC5WYA		
3	Brad Smith	KDSJMI		
4	Bill Heller	K65NGN		
5	Al Braun	AC5BX		
6	Sandy Braun	KB5YIX		
7	Robert Deirney	KG5GOL		
8	ROBERT COLLINS	AF5NR		
9	NIGEL BLANEY	VA3PUG		
10	Jim Lammey	KC7QY		
11	Bob Clark	NORBT		
12	Alfred Brown	AD6UV		
13	Prescott Greay	W1PCLG		
14	Boyd Abrecht	W5VZB		
15	James Boswell	KAS5W		
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