

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for February 12, 2025 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 12 February 2025 at the Socorro County Emergency Management Building at 198 Neel Ave. Jim Lommen (SARA President) called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. Rick Lively (Secretary) took notes.

1. Introductions: None.
2. Program: None.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Adam Steinke announced that a temporary tower will be made available to mitigate extended internet and mobile phone service outages that have been occurring too frequently.
 - b. Techfest: 22 February (UNM Adult Education Center)
 - c. La Jornada de las Quebradas 53K Trail Run: 22 February
 - d. Caravan Club Tailgate: 26 April
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 8 January 2025 SARA meeting: A motion and second were made to approve the minutes and the motion passed.
5. Report:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton presented the Treasurer Reports for Jan 2025
 - i. SARA entered Jan 25 with \$10,962.85.
 - ii. There were no debits or income.
 - iii. SARA left Jan 25 with the same amount.
 - iv. TARA owns \$645.45 of the above amount.
 - b. ARES: Al Braun reported that the Wednesday ARES net, the Thursday Tri-County net, and the Socorro County ARES Group net are continuing.
 - c. Charter School: no update.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller reported that TARA participated in the Tech club fair and operated from the TARA hamshack for the Tech Club Roundup.
 - e. Repeaters: Brad Smith reported that problems with the D-STAR repeater had been reported, but it appears to be functioning. He also said that an operator was on the SARA repeater without identifying their call sign. Club members should avoid contact with the individual, but report it to Brad.
 - f. Lab night: 26 February.
6. Old Business:

- a. Jornada Trail Race: Additional operators are needed. The backup for the SARA repeater will be the EM repeater.
 - b. 222 MHz repeater: Still many issues to be resolved, including projected usage (are there local users), interference with NRAO, and location.
 - c. Hamfest: Still need to contact the Fire Academy to discuss availability. The train group is using the Convention Center so it may be worth investigating for the Hamfest.
- 7. New Business:
 - a. Spring VE Testing session: April 27 is a tentative date.
- 8. Good of the Organization: None.
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2033 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, March 3, 2025

12 February 2025 Meeting Attendees

SARA 12 February 2025 Meeting Attendees

#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rich Lively	KESGDB		
2	Jim Lough	KCTQY		
3	HENRY NEWTON	KCSWYA		
4	B, H Heller	KGSNGN		
5	Al Dupont	ACSBX		
6	Robert J. Johnson	KGSGBH		
7	Jim Boswell	KASSIW		
8	James Price	KHJEP		
9	Matthew Price	KISVEW		
10	William Anderson	KESHQI		
11	ROBERT COVILL	AISMR		
12	Jess Anderson	KJSDCM		
13	Boar Albrecht	WVZB		
14	Brad Smith	KDSJNT		
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