

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for April 9, 2025 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 09 April 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. NM State QSO Party —12 April
 - b. Caravan Club Tailgate — 26 April
 - c. Mesilla Valley Hamfest — 24 May
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: The agenda was modified to remove the program, as the planned speaker was unavailable. A motion and second were made to approve the modified agenda, and the motion passed.
 - b. A correction to the 9 March 2025 minutes was approved, removing the current President as a candidate for the upcoming election. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made and the motion passed.
5. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Jim Lommen presented the Treasurer Reports sent by Henry Newton for Mar 2025.
 - i. SARA entered March with \$10,365.20
 - ii. There was \$71.15 in debit for Lauren Finley flowers.
 - iii. There was no income.
 - iv. SARA left March with \$10,294.05
 - 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.
 - c. Charter School: Bill Heller reported that there are still 2 students taking practice exams in preparation for the VE session.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller reported that TARA has been meeting regularly. They will also be operating during the NM QSO Party.
 - e. Repeaters: No update.
 - f. Lab night: 30 April.

6. Old Business:
 - a. 222 MHz repeater: Jim received a message from Terry Hancock and he will be searching for another location for the repeater.
 - b. AI will investigate with ARRL the issues involving paper vs. computer-based exams. The April 27 exam session date was confirmed and flyers distributed.
 - c. Nominating Committee: Jim Boswell reported that Robert Collins has submitted his name as a candidate for the position of President. All other officers will be running for re-election.
 - d. Hamfest: The Convention Center has been confirmed as the site for the 2025 Hamfest. The date is 12 July. There will be 2 technical sessions, a silent auction, and Tess will research the possibility of a VLA tour on the Friday of the banquet. \$1900 was approved to purchase prizes for the raffle ticket drawings.
7. New Business: None.
8. Good of the Organization: None.
9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2030 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, May 5, 2025

09 April 2025 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rich Livols	KJSEDB		
2	Jim Boswell	KASSIW		
3	Robert Garpiner	KG5GOK		
4	Anne Bowman	AD6UY		
5	Ray Calkins	NORBT		
6	William Heller	KESNGN		
7	William Anderson	KISHQI		
8	Ray Calk	NORBT		
9	JACK HILL	KM4MB6		
10	JAMES PRICE	K4JETD		
11	HI Bowman	AC5BX		
12	Sandy Braun	KAB4IX		
13	Brad Smith	KD5JVI		
14	LENORE HILL	KF4PAB		
15	Jim LOMMEN	KC7QY		
16	Tess Anderson	KJSDCN		
17	Reuben Callen	AI5NR		
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