

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for January 14, 2026 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 14 January 2026 at the Socorro County Emergency Management Building at 198 Neel Ave. Robert Collins (SARA President) called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. Rick Lively (Secretary) took notes.

1. Introductions: No introductions.
2. Announcements:
 - a. ARRL January VHF Contest —1900Z Jan 17th to 0359Z Jan 19th
 - b. 30th Annual Winter Tailgate Swapfest (ABQ) —Saturday, January 24th
 - c. Winter Field Day — January 24th-25th 2026
 - d. La Jornada de las Quebradas 53K Trail Run (Socorro) — February 14th 2026
 - e. TechFest (ABQ) — February 28th 2026
3. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and the motion passed.
 - b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 12 November 2025 and the motion passed.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton presented the Treasurer Reports for November 2025 and December 2025.
 - i. November 2025:
 1. SARA entered Nov 25 with \$11,563.28
 2. There was no income.
 3. The sole debit was \$7.35 for USPS mailing SARA badge Mark Medrud.
 4. SARA left Nov 25 with \$11,555.93.
 - ii. December 2025:
 1. SARA entered Dec 25 with \$11,555.93
 2. Debits consisted of a \$100 donation check to the Masonic Lodge where SARA had the Christmas Potluck party.
 3. There was no income.
 4. SARA left Dec 25 with \$11,455.93
 - 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:
 - i. Currently 2 students, 1 adult and 1 kid.
 - ii. Currently working on the last chapter of the book.
 - iii. VE session in April? We should set a date in the February meeting.
 - d. TARA: Students will be returning in about a week.
 - e. Repeaters: Brad Smith reported on repeater issues:
 - i. Megalink problems were diagnosed and fixed and it is functional again.

- ii. TARA repeater has a corrupt memory chip. Skyler will be shipping a new repeater.
 - iii. Internet for TARA repeater is being donated.
 - iv. Access form had expired and needs to be renewed.
 - v. Discussion of potential repeater sites: MRO and Datil
- f. Lab night: 28th January (6 PM)
- g. 2026 Hamfest Committee: Tess Anderson reported the ARRL submission is in progress. Prices will remain the same as 2025, except possibly the banquet.
- 5. Old Business:
 - a. County paperwork: Ask commission to renew with the same term (1.5 years).
 - b. Silent Key webpage: Name and callsign for silent key SARA members.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Happy New Year SARA!
 - b. New mailing address for club. Monthly renewal fee for P.O. Box approved (\$88 / year, \$98 startup cost). There is an addendum to the minutes with the new physical address for bank transactions. The new mailing address is SARA, PO Box 81, Socorro, NM 87001,
 - c. Volunteers for Quebradas 53K run needed. Try to have multiple shifts due to the length of the race (9 hours last year).
 - d. County antenna trailer acquisition. We will send representatives to County Commissioner's meeting to answer questions.
 - e. ICDSOft web hosting and domain registration is expiring 1/31/2026. Since the cost has only increased by to \$0.02 (to \$124.19), no approval vote is needed. Rick Lively will pay by credit card and request reimbursement.
- 7. Presentation: Tess Anderson will present on improved P/R and outreach next meeting.
- 8. Good of the Organization: No update.
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2039 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, February 04, 2026

14 January 2026 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rick Lively	KZGDTB		
2	HENRY NEWTON	KCSWYA		
3	Jon Spargo	KCSNTW		
4	William Anderson	KISHQI		
5	Walt Kelen	KGSNGN		
6	Robert Drainer	KGJGOL		
7	Sandy Braun	KR5QIX		
8	Anne Bowman	ADGUY		
9	Ray Calkins	N8RBT		
10	Jim Boswell	KASSIW		
11	HOWARD PEAVEY	K9PV		
12	Lin Lammert	KCTQY		
13	Al Bueren	AG5BX		
14	Sam Robinson	KM7CLK		
15	ROBERT COLLINS	AF5NR		
16	Jess Anderson	KJ5DCM		
17	Brad Sch	KDSJNT		
18	Beer Albrecht	W5VZB		
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