

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for February 11, 2026 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 11 February 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: We welcomed Chris Greiner, KJ5OFU. Introductions were made.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Quebradas 53K (Socorro) — February 14th 2026
 - b. TechFest (ABQ) — February 28th 2026
 - c. VLA Spring Open House — April 18th 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 14 January 2026 and the motion passed.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton presented the Treasurer Report for January 2026
 - i. SARA entered Jan 26 with \$11,455.93
 - ii. Debits were \$99 for a one year rental for USPS PO box rent
 - iii. Income was \$100 anonymous donation for USPS box rental
 - iv. SARA left Jan with \$11,456.93
 - 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: No update.
 - d. TARA: Skyler has shipped the new repeater for TARA.
 - e. Repeaters: No update.
 - f. Lab night: 25th February (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 is in progress.
 - b. Silent Key webpage: Added to web site. The status of some members on the list is unknown and needs to be investigated further.
 - c. New mailing address for club. Complete except for change for ARRL.
 - d. County trailer acquisition: Approved with provision for reciprocal usage. A general inspection is needed to identify any repairs.
6. New Business:
 - a. Distributed current phone list to physically present members to allow opt out before a final list is prepared.
7. Good of the Organization: No update.

8. Presentation: Tess Anderson presented on improved P/R and outreach. A general discussion of ideas was held for raising the visibility of the club in the area as well as recruiting new members.
9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2036 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, March 04, 2026

11 February 2026 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rich Lively	KI5GDB		
2	Howard Peavey	K9PV		
3	Beer Albrecht	W5VEB		
4	Jim Boswell	KAS5IW		
5	Sandy Braun	KAS4IX		
6	Al Braun	AC5BX		
7	HENRY NEWTON	KCSWYA		
8	ROBERT COLLINS	AF5NR		
9	Jess Anderson	KJ5QRM		
10	Brad Smith	KDSJN		
11	CHUCK GRIMM	KJ5ORU		
12	Walter Hill	K65NGN		
13	Robert Grimmer	K65GOL		
14	Anne Bowman	AD6UY		
15	Ray Calkins	NØRBT		
16	Nem Lommen	KC7QY		
17	William Anderson	KI5HAI		
18	JACK HILL	KM4MBG		
19	LENORE HILL	KF4PAB		
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