

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for April 08, 2026 Meeting
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This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 08 April 2026 at the Socorro County Emergency Management Building at 198 Neel Ave. Brad Smith (SARA Vice President) called the meeting to order at 1940 hours. Rick Lively (Secretary) took notes.

1. Introductions: We welcomed Heather Flewelling, AH7RF. Introductions were made.
2. Announcements:
 - a. NM QSO Party — April 11, 2026
 - b. VLA Spring Open House — April 18, 2026
 - c. ENMARC Tailgate — May 23, 2026, Clovis, NM
 - d. Route 66: Roads & Rails — April 18-19, Wheels Museum, Albuquerque
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 11 March 2026 and the motion passed.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Rick Lively read the Treasurer Report for March 2026, prepared by Henry Newton:
 - i. SARA entered March with \$10,845.05 and left with the same amount.
 - ii. The total balance contains \$645.45 that belongs to TARA.
 - 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:
 - i. John Spargo reported that there are currently 2 adults and 1 kid ready to take their exam. They will be attending the April 19 VE session.
 - d. TARA: Bill Heller reported that TARA will be tentatively operating during the NM QSO party.
 - e. Repeaters: No update.
 - f. Lab night: 29th April (7 PM)
 - g. 2026 Hamfest Committee: A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$1700 for prizes + up to an additional 10% without approval needed to accommodate price increases. The motion was approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. Jim Lommen reported that the MOU with the county will remain in effect unless we want to change it.

- b. FCC approved the address change for W5AQA and it is populated onto QRZ.
- 6. New Business: No update on the trailer.
- 7. Good of the Organization: No update.
- 8. Presentation: Short discussion of gutter washer antennas.
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2013 hours.

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