**General Meeting Minutes for 21 Dec 2024**

**Attendees:** See sign-in sheet.

The meeting called to order at 10:08 am by President Mike KI5NBP

**Introductions –**

3 visitors: Nathan Hardman
 Lee “Wild Horse Wrangler” Hubbard

 Don Curtis Shoemaker N9DCS

Introduction of Board & Officers

**Presentation**: “DMR” by John & Paul (KB0WMA) and a presentation on space Station by Ed Poccia

**Secretary’s Report**

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes by

Approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mike Chirin - absent

**Old** **Business**:

1. Motion to discuss the proposed budget by Ken Ham & Harvey Dove. Budget presented. Budget passed.
2. Chat shack net controllers
3. Winter Field day: possible locations are the Open Space visitor center on Coors & ASK Academy
4. Another Silent Key donations: QRP & HTs (Rob is checking out the SOTA radio?)

**New Business**

1. February Elections: need 2 Board members & someone to finish serving as VP. VP will help Mike with help for planning operations for organization. A good working relationship is needed.
2. Three new workshops – Carol with SoTA (probably March to May), Marianne with CW over the course of a couple of weeks followed by a challenge, details being worked on, Bob Longoria to do a D-STAR workshop in March.
3. Yul reached out to Horizons, who works with economically challenged youth. See if HDARC can work with these kids. Same with PED to do a presentation at the conference to reach all the charter schools at the same time.
4. In discussion with the Home School Quorum network with a 12 wk network.
5. Make training videos we need people to do storyboarding, acting, etc.

**Past President’s Report:**

Dave Ham: N6SIK – 3 things:
Radio in vehicles. We’re a ham radio club. Every now & again check & throw out a call sign.

TRASH system: 4 WD run. A linked system of repeaters down the center of NM, started in El Paso. Uses a lot of ALL STAR links. Check it out on Google & you’ll get a list of the repeaters. On Sandia, it’s the old Diamond (442.600) TRASH – This Represents A Serious Hobby.

Chat Shack Net: Looking for folks across the state to check in. If you have 10 mins on a Saturday, just check in. Any Megalink repeater (145.290).

We need to strive to achieve best radio practices such as holding a microphone properly to avoid making “plosions”. Don’t need to holler or whisper. Speak normally. Adjust the microphone gain if needed. DMR & D-STAR have the capability of a parrot mode to find out how you sound.

**Drawings:**

 **50/50:** Theo (KJ5IDT)

**Radio:** Ken Ham

**Comments**:

Next meeting on 21 Dec 2024

**Meeting adjourned –** 11:52