

HDARC Meeting minutes May 18, 2024

Meeting opened with the pledge of Allegiance. There were several visitors that introduced themselves, a few of them were staying for the VE testing after the meeting.

The April, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote. Ken Ham, AG5UY made the motion to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Mike Chirin, NM5MC reported that the treasury is solvent. The membership report shows that there are 88 current members. 40 people were in attendance at this meeting.

Board Chair Ken Ham, AG5UY talked about the 10 am net that the club runs on Saturdays. Mike Smith mentioned that we still need a net control for the 5th and the 2nd Saturday of the month. Anyone who is interested in being net control contact Mike Smith.

Past President, David Ham, N6SIK talked about upcoming Hamming Around New Mexico events. We will be going to the HamFest in Alamogordo on Aug. 31 over Labor Day weekend. The cost is \$8 per person with a dinner on Saturday that is no host. We are also going on a 4W drive to Cooks Canyon the first weekend in October. David Ham also talked a little bit about Radio etiquette and how to talk on your mike without static or muffling your transmission.

East Mtn Committee No report

VEC testing Yul Bratcher, NM5YUL reported that he expects 11 people to test today. The final report was that there were 9 people that tested and they all passed.

Old Business

Club newsletter Mike Smith, KI5NBP asked the question about whether we should reduce the weekly email from once a week to two times a month, a motion was made to only publish the club email the first and the third week of the month. Discussion followed before voting on the motion. The vote by hand was against reducing the email and it will remain as a weekly email.

The Duke City Hamfest is still looking for people to give presentations at the HamFest in September. The deadline for contacting their committee is May 31st.

June Field Day will be on Saturday, June 22 in the North Domingo Baca Park close to the dog park. We will be providing lunch for members. It's reserved from 8 am to 5 pm. We need people to come about 9am to help set up since Field day starts at 12 noon.

Live Streaming meetings on Zoom is in the works and Mike Smith is hoping to get that started in June.

Harvey Dove, KI5YVY gave a presentation on the club purchasing equipment that helps club members when setting up their stations. The possible purchases suggested were Dummy load, NANO VNA equipment and Antenna Analyzer. Total cost would be less than \$900. Discussion followed. The club will take a vote next month on this question.

Mike Smith asked for members to talk about good ham experiences they had last month. Ed Pocchia, KC2LM talked about FT8 on 20 meters. VHF frequencies repeater is operational, and the International Space Station was available for contacts. David Ham talked about the NM breakfast club that has a net every day. Mike Chirin says he has been looking for POTA contacts.

DATA Academy APS charter School – The MOU was approved by the school; they now want to form a club. This school has a small student population of 300. Three of the teachers are interested in sponsoring the school club. Listed are the proposed items that the club needs to approve providing the money.

1. Buy 4 study books for the school to use to get licenses.
2. Provide ongoing technical assistance and lease them equipment.
3. HT provided to students will be on a loan basis.

The cost for all the equipment over the next two years will be \$1195 approximately. The school will provide a learning space for the equipment.

The school is asking for another presentation by the club, perhaps on Winter Field Day.

Mike Smith will be writing a grant through ARRYL to fund the expenses to set up the two schools. The grant will also provide a stipend for sponsor teachers for their time and expenses.

Becky Ham, N6TYT suggested that we receive status updates every six months from the schools telling us what the progress was and the plans for the next six months.

Mike Smith made the motion to approve the MOU and the expenditure of \$1195 over the next 2 years for the DATA academy to help set up their HAM radio club and the on school radio set up. Bob Ucker seconded the motion. The club voted by hand to approve the MOU and the expenditure.

Mike Smith asked everyone to provide suggestions and comments about the positive things that the club is doing now and suggestions about new activities and presentations. He will compile them and provide the results next month.

50/50 drawing was \$39 as was won by Harvey Dove. The drawing for the Handheld radio was won by Mike Chirin.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38,