

General Meeting Minutes for 20 April 2024

Attendees: See sign-in sheet.

The meeting called to order at 10:05

Introductions & Wishing a Happy birthday to Becky Ham

ARRL Section Mgr, Bill Mader, Comments

- HF University – wants to know the challenges people face (Fri 20th at Ham Fest)
- Field Day theme is “Radio Active”
- Reserved a park for Field Day this year
- New Life Membership program for ARRL
- Thanked the Club for donating to the Duke City Hamfest
- Presentation deadline Apr 30

Secretary’s Report

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes. First: Ken Ham, 2nd Rob Summerhill - passed

President’s Report: It’s been an interesting month as I’m learning about the role & club. I’ve gotten phone calls from out of the country, Section Mgr Mike Hickey. Made contact with Spencer who wants to learn more about radio. Will be doing a house visit and contact with other people.

Treasurer’s Report

Solvent. There are 81 paid & current members & 42 who have not paid.

Bal \$14,885 & ARRL club insurance due in June, which is the only foreseen expense.

Board of Directors– nothing

Past President – David Ham, “Nothing today.”

East Mtn Committee: Tom is trail running today. Rob Summerhill, KI5NBN, we have lunch next Thursday and we’re going to put forth that for the 2 hrs we have allocated, let’s do something like set up a radio at Venus Park. Try to get a POTA number for Venus Park. Lunch is at Li’l Mommas in Edgewood. Meeting is at 11:30.

VEC - Nothing

Old Business

Hamming Around NM – Going to go to the Salinas Missions: Abo, Mountainair, Gran Quivira (picnic tables, etc). It’s scheduled for the last weekend in April. Restrooms & Visitor Center will

be closed. Meet up at 9am in ABQ. There are 2 RV parks down in Mountainair & little cabins. Meet time to be determined. Directions are in the Newsletter.

ASK Academy – Sean decided to stay. Students want to set up a NET program & the kids want to learn about soldering and other subjects. The future looks bright. Teachers are called project managers. Students are called ? John Betz is going to help run the club.

DATA Academy – The Chair of their STEM has 3 teachers & 7 students raring to go. Going to purchase some study materials for them. They study IT and when they graduate, they're ready to be employed. Data can't be here today as they were invited by NASA.

Tail Gate & Southern Blvd Trail Run – David Ham's tail gate was successful. Thank you to all who participated in set-up. A neighbor donated 6 pizzas to the club.

New Business

- Field Day – Secured the same location as last year. If you're operating elsewhere, let Mike Smith know.
- Club Trailer – We want to put a proposal together, does anyone have an issue with putting forth a proposal for making the trailer into a comms trailer. No show of hands re: issues with the idea.
- POTA club sign – no problem.
- Live streaming club meetings – requires some equipment. Any problem with the idea of zooming meetings?
- Testing equipment – What if the club purchased a couple of pieces of equipment to loan to club members? Harvey Dove – details are needed.
- KJ5APC – Not here. We're trying to get his radio to him. He's a tech.

Presentation on POTA by Rob Summerhill

Radio Drawing – AJ Martinez

50/50 - \$26 award, Mike Chirin donated it back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46