

HDARC Meeting on Nov. 18, 2023

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held at the ASK Academy due to the North Domingo Baca Center cancelling our access to the meeting room for a Holiday Craft event.

Ken made a motion that the club donate \$250 each to the Roadrunner Food Bank, St Felix Food Pantry, and the Joy Junction. Motion was seconded and approved a voice vote by the club.

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

The emailed meeting minutes were approved by the club.

Treasurer report is that we are solvent.

Membership report is 96 current members. 35 members were present at the November meeting.

East Mtn Group – Tom Russell gave a report on their activities. They met on Thursday, Nov. 16 for lunch. He was able to contact Edgewood County municipal about having a future HAM event. Edgewood County is planning a 25th anniversary celebration next year on July 4th, 2024. The East Mtn group will be moving forward with the planning to participate in that event to help promote the HAM hobby.

Old Business

Dues were discussed at the board meeting, and it was decided to keep them at the current \$30 annual rate.

David Ham, N6SIK gave a short talk on ham etiquette, best amateur practice.

Sean Hurley, the mentor for the ASK Academy club says that Pierce and Sky are actively recruiting new scholars to join their club. However, they are busy with finals for their school year.

Mike Smith, KI5NBP says that the school is excited about working with our HAM club to grow their club.

David Ham mentioned that Ed Pocchia, KC2LM offered to teach the HAM club at the Academy about how to work the International Space Station and building their own Yagi antennas.

Becky Ham, N6TYT said that the Holiday dinner will be held at Sadie's on Academy the second weekend of December. This was changed to Rudy's BBQ in the Cottonwood area and was a big success with about 30 members enjoying the great BBQ.

January Field Day is held on the last Saturday in January. Yul Bratcher suggested the Nuclear Museum as a site. Mike Smith offered the ASK Academy as a site if the Nuclear Museum doesn't work out. John will contact the museum to see if we can set up there.

Becky Ham, N6TYT mentioned that we need suggestions for Hamming Around NM for next year.

Short break

Jim Frazier is giving a presentation on What is a Duplexer? How do repeaters work?

50/50 Raffle was won by Eliane Summerhill for \$28

The radio raffle was won by Tom Russell.

Mike Smith mentioned that he needs presenters for the club meetings for 2024 calendar year.

Jeff Burmeister gave an update on the 2024 Duke City HAM fest for next September.

The meeting closed at 11:45 am.