**General Meeting Minutes for 19 Apr 2025**

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

Guest:

Shane (visitor) - KJ5AKL
Don Shoemaker - N9DCS

Bill – N7WAS ?

John Dodd – KJ5KUF
Connor (visitor)

The meeting called to order at 10:02

**Presentation**:

Bill Mader (K8TE): Presentation on Contesting. It will be posted on the website.

**Secretary’s Report**

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes by Ralph W5EEI, Rob KI5NBN,

Approved.

**Past President’s Report:**

Dave Ham: N6SIK – Antenna build & foxhunt. David will hide somewhere & we take are RDF Yagis to find him. It will be on 2m.

Homebrew contest – Gabrielle built a 2m yagi that fits in her purse. Tentatively in autumn.

**VEC –** Doing testing every other month.

**East Mtn Group –** Went to Thursday meeting w/about 20 people. Thinking abt setting up a POTA hunt station in the parking lot just for giggles for the members.

**EMCOMS** – Had an emcomm exercise last Saturday & we had 12” of snow. Very successful exercise done during real life, emergency conditions. Able to report 2 accidents in the canyon & I-40 was closed both directions. If interested, contact Tom Russell. If you’re in Sandoval Co, get a hold of Gary. SKYWARN monitored our EMCOM frequencies.

 **Elmers –** nothing **Newsletter** - Please get stuff to Mike Smith for the newsletter.

**Equipment Loans: Harvey Dove -** Loaned out antenna analyzers.

 **Quartermaster:** Tailgate needed

**Treasurer’s Report –** As of yesterday, 95 current members & the club bank accounts have (rounded figures) $13,862 ($5,165 in CD.) Need to rattle the bank as the percentage rate is incorrect.

**Old** **Business**:

1. Adult STEM Night Report: Attended by Rob, John, Ruth, Mike Chirin,… Rob provided a brief report on the food, beer, TESLA music, etc. TESLA coils didn’t interfere with radio stuff. Thanks to Yul for making the arrangements. This is our 4th time at the nuke museum this year.
2. Get on the repeater at night just for involvement, 7:30pm, 442.750. East Mtn EmComms used it the other night, Thursday.
3. WORKSHOPS
4. Thanks to Mary Ann re: CW workshop
5. July workshop confirmed – Rob – Portable batteries

**New Business:**

* Mike Chirin presentation on tape measure build of a yagi antenna. A yagi is a directional antenna (yagi uda). Total cost is about $20. Kit is provided except for the radio connector. Hoping to have the build done by 2pm. This will be done after the May meeting.
* June ARRL field day (John K5JVG). Will be held at the Petroglyphs.
* Cynthia would like to have another volunteer to run the canteen (donuts, coffee, etc.) Let Mike know.
* Volunteers needed for the chat shack net
* Change the date from June to Sept 6 for the Solar (Sunspot) Observatory.
* Dipole (coat hanger) antenna with extendable ends.

**50/50:**  $23 – Chris

**Radio:**  Baofang USB charging (WD5EQY, Declan Reib)

**Next meeting** on May 17

**Meeting adjourned –** 11:58