

Minutes for December 17, 2022

Meeting opened at 10 am with the pledge of Allegiance. Everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report shows that we are solvent.

Our membership is currently at 77.

Old Business

We have a new presentation coordinator, Mike Smith, KI5NBP. There was some discussion on future topics, such as Reducing RF interference in Urban Environments.

How to build a Go Box for your Mobile HAM setup.

David Ham, N6SIK mentioned that the club has purchased Mission hats for club members as an end of the year gift.

Yul Bratcher, presented the VE's that have volunteered during the VE testing throughout this year with a vanity license plate that has their call sign. There were 50 people that tested in 2022. He also presented Ken Ham AG5UY and David Ham with a thank you plaque to recognize all the hard work during the past year.

Holiday dinner was held earlier in December with 12 people attending. It was a fun evening at Dave's Bar and Grill with great people and good food.

New Business

January Field Weekend is Saturday, Jan 28 and Sunday, Jan 29th. Mike Smith is making the arrangements, it will be located at ASK Academy located on Sundt Rd in Rio Rancho. The club will provide lunch and dinner for this event. Please come early to help set up. More information will be provided at the January meeting. Doors will be open at 10 am

Don't forget that Club dues need to be paid by February 18th to remain as a current member. Please contact Tom Sipp if you have questions about prorating your dues.

February 15th, 2023 STEM event at the Nuclear Museum

We have been invited to participate the STEM Week at the Nuclear Museum. Mike Smith and Mike Chiron, NM5MC will be organizing this event. Please contact them if you want to participate or bring HAM radios to set up for the demonstrations. This is usually a morning event so plan to arrive early to help set up.

Yul Bratcher, WA5YUL mentioned that there are other sites that we could do HAM demonstrations at such as, the Balloon museum and Explora. Mike Chiron suggested the Zoo as a possible site.

Mike Smith will explore the idea of doing a presentation at the ASK academy. They have both middle school and high school. They want to explore the idea of starting a student HAM radio club and will need mentors for this.

David Ham stated that we are looking to replace the current Saturday net operators with new volunteers. The 4th and 5th Saturday are still available if anyone is interested in becoming a net operator. There is a easy script provided to follow that makes it easy.

The club voted on and approved a \$250 donation to the Road Runner Food Bank. Several members also added personal contributions to bring the total donation to \$495.