

General Meeting Minutes for 17 May 2025

The meeting called to order at 10:05

Attendees: See sign-in sheet. 38 Attendees

Visitors: Shirley Godfrey K5CPC

Secretary's Report

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes by Rob (KI5NBN) & Harvey Dove (KI5YVY).

Approved.

Past President's Report:

Dave Ham: N6SIK – Thanks to all who came to this morning's parking lot sale. Every evening at 7:30 on the club's repeater, there's an informal get together. More & more people are showing up. Let's have a format, a round robin, make a list of people & go through it. That way, everyone has a chance to say something.

Today's topic: Fox & Hound: David has a location for his den. At the designated time, he'll be on the repeater frequency 146.46. He'll transmit for 2 mins on Simplex 146.46 allowing people to hone in on his signal. 10 mins later, he'll transmit again for 2 mins. Next transmission will be at 2.5 W on his handitalkie. At 40 mins after, another transmission on handi-talkie. At 50 mins, he'll let everyone know where he is. It's a "smoking hot" location.

VEC – No testing. One signup for June

East Mtn Group – Meeting this past Thurs, 18 participants.

EMCOMS – Sandoval County ARES report

Elmers – New member packets

Newsletter – People like what Mary Ann's been submitting. If you're looking for equipment, send your request.

Equipment Loans: Harvey Dove (KI5YVY) – C'mon... borrow the equipment. We'll test the antenna's build today before using them

Quartermaster: Three new members. Most of the high end coax has gone to the new members. Going to have a local tailgate.

Treasurer's Report – As of yesterday, 99 current members & \$911 from sale today. \$140 new memberships about \$12,560

Old Business:

1. Get on the repeater at night just for involvement, 7:30pm, 442.750.
2. Volunteer for the canteen still needed
3. Participate on Friday night at 8pm on the East Mtn Repeater
4. Packet radio workshop on June 8
5. Tomorrow there's a SOTA activation. We'll be meeting in 4 Hills.
6. CW team finished their training. Thanks to Mary Ann & all those who participated. The next step will be a drawing for the paddle and then figure out what happens afterwards like a CW net.
7. Rob Summerhill described the new CW participants playing 'Battleship' to get a prize.
8. Thanks to Mike Chirin for putting together the workshop
9. Sunspot date change from June to Sept 6. Everything is confirmed.
10. Field Day June 28, having problems finding a spot: John K5JVG
11. Chat Shack Net. Mike Chirin spoke about how fun it is, contacts made statewide & elsewhere. It's on MegaLink.

New Business:

- Mike Smith having back surgery on June 3.
- Rob Summerhill's portable battery build with LiPo4 in July. Each cell is a S-series, 38-120. Fits in an ammo can. Ea cell is 3.2V & is capable of 100 A current draw. A 4-battery pack runs a Xeigu for about 36 hrs. Battery pack weighs about 7 lbs. Same battery pack is \$500 and we can do it for about \$130. Shoot Mike an email expressing interest.
- Phantom email from Mike Smith / Mike Chirin asking to buy something. Thanks for letting me know. Be aware this is happening. Groups IO is a communication app. Duke City Hamfest uses it. Mike Smith is going to try and get a digital BB set up on Groups IO.
- Summer tailgate
- Last HT being given away. Next month will be something different.
- July there will be a leadership team meeting inc committee heads
- Thank you David for going out & picking up SK stuff
- Testing in June after the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rob Summerhill mentioned an all band receiver that fits in the palm of your hand. It's an AMNVolt for \$31
- Bill Safieh (KJ5LAJ) mentioned his machining stuff & may be able to replicate items.

50/50: \$26

Radio: N5QXZ – Radio winner

CW Drawing for Paddle: Harvey Dove

Next meeting on Jun 21

Meeting adjourned – 11:00