**General Meeting Minutes for 15 June 2024**

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

The meeting called to order at 10:00

**Introductions – Happy Father’s Day**

**Secretary’s Report**

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes. Summerhill & ???

**President’s Report:**

Quick notes of what will be mentioned at this meeting:

* Giving away an award
* Changes proposed to the Constitution & Bylaws. This is the club members’ 21 days notice of the proposed changes. Board has approved the changes. You’ll be getting an email.
* Message from Wes re: illness
* Next month we’ll be doing presentations again. There will be a presentation in July.
* The club is trying to get the ability to livestream meetings for those who cannot physically be here. We hope to be able to do so in 30-90 days
* Giveaways: Radio giveaway & a signup list for Field Day. Will be auctioning off a hat for those who have signed up for FD.
* Many new workshops upcoming some of which are building antennas, how to program radios, soldering, etc.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Solvent. 98 members are current & there is $14,341 in bank. Club will be getting a $500 donation from the local guild who is producing a new TV series being filmed in ABQ. They borrowed a radio from Mike Chirin & are donating the $ to the club through Mike Chirin for showing them how to use the radio.

**VP Report**

Antenna workshop – making the ARRL ½ wave. So far, 4 members signed up. Kit is available on the ARRL website in their store. About $75 for kit on their site.

**Board** **of Directors**– Ken Ham – Been working hard to get things accomplished & looking forward to presenting award. Nice to see all the filled chairs. Looking forward to Tech training sessions. MaryAnn is doing some CW trainings.

**East Mtn Committee: Tom Russell -**  Our lunch is on the 20th, Thursday at 11:30 in the back at Lil’ Mommas. Last mtg was packed. On the agenda is upcoming Edgewood event over 4th of July weekend, including: 6 hour hands-on at Venus park from 6am-3pm; Providing radio ops for the 5K race; and a Parade.

Other happenings in the East Mountains was an East Mtn Wildfire presentation. Bob Watson is going to be testing for his General. He’s on the East Mtns Wildfire BOD.

Torrance county is trying to build its ARES system back up again. The emergency manager is excited that Tom Russell will do a presentation to the Torrance County Office of Emergency Management.

Tom Russell is participating on the NTS (Nat’l Traffic System) committee with Gerry Jurgens, who is the traffic manager for NM. Gerry is looking at specifically targeted info in NM: ICS 213, Winlink, etc. as he’s trying to find out what’s going on in NM re: traffic flow. There isn’t much mission oriented traffic in NM

**VEC** – Yul related that he was talking with Bob Rose and that HDARC is the top testing group in NM.

**Loaning & Testing program (Harvey Dove):** Suggested getting an antenna analyzer for the club & some other supporting testing equipment like a Fluke, etc. Appx cost $1300 to 1800. Equip to be loaned to members on a 5-day basis. Discussion ensued on % of members that are technicians, the quality of equipment, etc. If a person borrows a piece of equip, will there be a security deposit? This is the start of the research into this.

**Old Business**
**Field Day NM** – If you signed up, food will be available.

**New Business**

**Frank Warren Ham Radio Operator of the Year Award:** Award to the amateur radio operator of the year – the last recipient was Yul. Those nominated reflect the ideas of what Mr Warren had when he founded the club. He did >4000 tests & we’re trying to keep his memory alive. He made toys for kids. The people today exhibit that kind of quality. The award was presented to Rob & Elaine Summerhill. In addition to the award they are now lifetime members of HDARC.

**Presentation by Mike Smith**1. Club Feedback: Field events, tech presentations, 50/50, friendly atmosphere w/fun, school activities, free testing, Chat Shack Net, refreshments provided & leadership

2. Areas for Improvement: Training on ham radio equipment from Tech through Extra, hands on demos on test equipment, radio & test equip for shared use, buddy system & mentors, encourage participation by members for public events, study classes for exams,

3. Club Trailer: out in the parking lot, lots to rummage through. Please take stuff.

4. HDARC constitution & bylaws overview of recommended changes, including an operational reserve fund (new), debit cards, etc. Today is the official 21-day notice of the changes to be ratified by membership in July.

Wes Jones (NM5WJ): Recently diagnosed with metastasized Stage 4 prostate cancer. He loves the club & the time spent with it. If you have his contact info, please reach out to him. There is contact info on the QRZ website if you type in his callsign, NM5WJ.

**Field Day**: Thanks to Tom & Becky, field day food & drinks are all arranged. Coffee & donuts in AM; lunch around 1pm. Begins at 9am. As of today, there are 5 stations including one for hunting POTA. Location is the back side of Domingo Baca center. Permit says 9am. Prohibitions – nothing can be staked to the ground, no blocking of parking spaces, no megaphones. Will have the Chat Shack net up & going. Must be gone by 6pm MDT. Club sign is NM5HD. Transaction designation – 5A NM.

**Duke City Hamfast –**

Sept 26 & 27 (Saturday & Sunday)

Mixer Friday evening at the Crowne Plaza

Saturday Tailgate Saturday morning (marketplace)

There will be a club table at the Ham Fest

**Radio Drawing – KJ5CTQ (Mial Warren)**

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

**Rocky Mtn Radio Club presentation next month**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30**