



*The Upper Rio FM Society, Inc*  
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### ***Minutes of the January 8, 2008, Meeting of the Membership***

1. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Pendley, K5ATM, at 7:30pm.
2. Don Grab, K5BIS, provided the Invocation.
3. Meeting attendees introduced themselves by name and callsign. Total attendance: 56.
4. President Pendley asked for silent key and health & welfare reports from the membership. Don Grab, K5BIS, reported the passing of Warren Frain, K5PPG. Bob Rieden, WD5IDL, reported Jim Baremore, K5QQ, a past president of the URFMSI, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It was caught early and the prognosis looks good.
5. **Secretary's Report:**
  - a. The minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting were distributed for review. Secretary Bill Weatherford, KM5FT, reported 53 members/guests present. (Late arrivals brought the total up to 56.)
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Treasurer Chuck Raskob, KC5AYV, reported he did not have the final figures for the year available, but they would be provided at the next meeting. (That report is attached.)
7. **Standing Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Facilities:** Jim Gary, KB5CIJ, reported that all is well and they were just waiting for final word on the relocation of the hub.
  - b. **Membership:**
    - i. Vice President Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, stated there were 20 Associate Members, 132 Family Members, 343 Full Members, 10 Life Members, and 158 Senior Members. This gives us a total membership of 653, which is a loss at this time of 10 members from the last report. Brian reported that membership responsibilities have been split from the Secretary. Brian will continue to handle membership matters and is seeking a replacement for the current Access database application to simplify record keeping and facilitate accurate reporting and production of various documents for the members and the organization.
    - ii. President Mike Pendley announced the placement of Ed Ricco, N5LI, on the commemorative plaque listing the names of members who have made significant contributions to the organization. Ed received a round of applause.

c. **Technical:**

- i. Bob Rieden, WD5IDL, reported a problem with the power output on the 90 repeater has been cleared. In August the batteries for the 96 repeater were replaced. When power was reconnected the site did not come up properly. The problem turned out to be in the PL tone controller, which has been removed from the circuit. This means no PL tone is needed at this time for the 96 repeater. The lack of PL tone access control could explain the problems being reported by Goose, K5EMH. When weather conditions are more favorable the PL tone circuit will be reactivated.
- ii. The Chama repeater has a digipeater that is getting a lot of activity. It is to be replaced with a lower power, handheld, unit because the existing equipment is drawing too much power for the solar panels to keep the batteries fully charged. When the batteries get too low, the repeater doesn't work.
- iii. Mike Pendley said 575 area code access has been activated at the hub.

d. **Life Membership:** No report.

**8. Trustee Reports:**

- a. Chuck, KC5AYV, said there was an intermittent problem north of San Antonio. The repeater works, but the link may or may not work.

**9. ARRL Report:**

- a. ARRL NM Section Manager, Don Wood, W5FHA, reported on the Lincoln County antenna ordinance exempting amateur radio towers and antennas.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Mike Pendley said the insurance issue surrounding the potential hub relocation seems to be getting resolved. Bob Rieden said the eviction notice has been extended to the end of February and unofficial comments from the lessees' liaison indicate there is no rush for us to vacate the building. Bob also said the Kirtland leasing office and the base commander have decided to write a lease using the Upper Rio's current insurance limits. As things now stand, there is no urgency in out vacating the current hub building.
- b. Brian, N5ZGT, reported on the possible use of an AT&T site at Nine Mile Hill.

**11. New Business:**

- a. None

**12. Club Reports, organization activities, announcements:**

- a. Club reports were provided by members representing local and area Ham Radio organizations.
- b. Pat Wood, KE5FVS, said the Caravan Club's Winterfest would be held at the Cooperage on Saturday, January 11. All are invited.
- c. The QCWA meets quarterly and is looking for more members. Their meetings are on the second Saturday of the month, with the next meeting in March.

- d. Bob Rieden, WD5IDL, reported the New Mexico SAR Support Team put in almost 2,000 man-hours last year, with five missions over 100 man-hours each. He said that, in his opinion, search and rescue missions in New Mexico could not be done without the use of Amateur Radio.
- e. Larry Goga, AC5CZ, spoke on the possibility of setting up a portable display to be used at various venues in town, such as the Home and Garden Show, to introduce amateur radio to the public. GE donated the display board. This would be a multi-club activity, available to all Albuquerque area radio clubs. Don Wood, W5FHA, and Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, spoke in support of the idea and gave examples of how the concept could be developed and used.
- f. There was discussion about ways to get Scouts involved, and the need to mentor new hams on operating techniques, courtesy, equipment, and involvement in the various aspects of the hobby.
- g. Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, the newly elected ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director, thanked everyone present for their support and said he would use the League e-mail system to communicate with members.
- h. Bill Weatherford, KM5FT, requested a round of applause for Bob Rieden, WD5IDL, for his service as President of the Upper Rio during the period when the Hub matter first surfaced until it was, apparently, resolved. Done.

**13. Adjournment:**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**14. Meeting program:**

- a. Scott Westerman, W9WSW, gave an interesting presentation on High Speed Multimedia, amateur radio's newest method of communicating.. This provides the capability for digital voice, digital video, keyboard-to-keyboard communications, file transfers, etc. It's all done with a home computer and a consumer wireless LAN device.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT – January 1, 2008

**URFMSI Account Balances - As of 12/31/2007**

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	<u>12/31/2007 Balance</u>
Checking	10,356.04
Investment Account	25,893.06
TOTAL	36,249.10
<u>Asset Accounts</u>	
CD	0.00
TOTAL	0.00
<u>OVERALL TOTAL</u>	36,249.10

**Itemized Categories: 1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007**

**INCOME**

CD Interest Income	287.29
Dues	13,349.00
Hub Donations	820.00
Money Market Income	1,167.12
Operation Guides	15.00
United Way	324.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,963.34</b>

**EXPENSES**

Insurance	868.00
Licenses and Permits	10.00
Maintenance	8,789.33
08 Site	1,002.92
90 Site	2,059.86
96 Site	4,736.80
Miscellaneous	989.75
Miscellaneous	545.60
Bank Charge	74.84
Meeting Expense	210.76
P O Box	80.00

Other Miscellaneous	180.00
Operations	1,451.72
64 Site Electric	267.73
90 Site Phone	862.82
96 Site Electric	321.17
Printing and Reproduction	5,309.70
Copy and Supply	1,026.36
Postage and Delivery	506.19
Secretary Supplies	18.17
Other Printing and Reproduction	3,758.98

**Total Expenses** **16,974.35**

**TRANSFERS**

To Checking	6,000.00
To Investment Account	4,000.00
From CD	10,000.00

**Balance Forward**

CD	0.00
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**OVERALL TOTAL** **(1,011.01)**