



*The Upper Rio FM Society, Inc*  
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### **Minutes from the April 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Mileschosky at 7:30PM.
2. Don Grab, K5BIS performed the Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Self-introductions - There were 49 members in attendance. There were five (5) Board Members present including President Brian Mileschosky (N5ZGT), Secretary Larry Goga (AE5CZ) , Don Wood (W5FHA), Treasurer Fred Lete (KC5IPK) and Bill Ripley (KY5Q). Also present was Technical Committee Chairman and Trustee Harris Goodwin (WA5SJW).
5. The Silent Key/Health and Welfare Report was given by Don Grab (K5BIS). Don stated that there were no Silent Keys or hospitalizations to report this month. Don said that Paul Thompson and Trustee Ken King were currently experiencing some health issue. Paul Thompson was in attendance and appeared to be doing fine. Ken King was not in attendance but was improving. Peggy Grant was in attendance and appeared to be doing much better.
6. Treasurer Fred Lete pointed out that there was a typo in Item 7 of the Minutes from the January 12, 2010 General Membership meeting. The correct amount of money in the Checking Account was \$2,297.26.

A motion was made by Harris Goodwin to accept the Minutes as corrected. This motion was seconded by Stu (call sign not heard). The Minutes from the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 General Membership meeting were approved, as corrected, by unanimous vote.

7. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Fred Lete. There is a total of \$47,096.69 in the two Savings Accounts and \$2,436.93 in the Checking Account. All accounts are current and all bills are paid.

A motion was made by Harris Goodwin to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Don Wood. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

8. There was no correspondence.

New Item Brian Mileschosky reported that previous President Mike Pendley had resigned from the Board of Directors and Brian had assumed the role of President. Brian called Mike Pendley to the dais and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for five years of service to the Upper Rio FM Society with two of those years as President.

9. (9a) The Membership Report was deferred due to the absence of Mike Eaton. Brian said a few words on Mike's behalf about the on-line database.

(9b & c) Robert Rieden (WD5IDL) was not present. Goodie Goodwin spoke on behalf of the Facilities and Technical Committees. There were no known issues and all repeaters were believed to be fully operational.

Goodie continues to meet with Officers from Kirtland AFB and discuss issues regarding both the old and new Hub locations.

Goodie continues to work with the people from the Civil Air Patrol to get them to pay the \$25/month rent for space at the La Mosca site.

Goodie reported that new wireless hardware has been installed at the Hub and that the system is now far more robust. There is still a small problem with Echolink that is being addressed but the IRLP system is working reliably.

10. There were no Trustee's present except Harris Goodwin. Goodie stated that there were no known Trustee issues.

11. Don Wood (W5FHA) gave the ARRL Report. Don said that he delivered an HF radio to Bataan School to get their amateur radio club started. Also delivered was a 10 Meter radio with antennas. Also promised was an antenna from a local source and coax for it. The Bataan School is looking for a 2M and 70cm base station radio for their shack.

The ARRL new website is up and running as of tonight with 12,000 pages of information.

Brian reported about the Recon Robotics issue where the FCC granted a waiver to a company allowing them to use a portion of the 70cm band. This creates a potential for interference to repeater systems.

Brian reminded everyone that Field Day is coming on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Don Wood reported that Scott Westerman, who was the ARRL Technical Coordinator (TC), had moved to Michigan and that the new TC was Mike Pendley.

12. (12a) Mike Pendley reported that the NM-ARTS group had recently finished up its C programming class.

(12b) Larry Goga reported that the NMARA participated in the Albuquerque Home and Lifestyle Expo in February, 2010. This time a double wide (20 foot) booth space was donated. Carl Russell (KE5AKI) helped to man the booth and recruit participants for his upcoming Technician class. Because of the NMARA participation, Carl was able to attract five (5) additional students.

Bill Ripley reported the APS ACE Conference in Ruidoso was cancelled.

- Del (12c) The AARC and the ARCC are sponsoring a tailgate on April 24 at Norte High School. This time there will be a \$62.50 charge to use the space. These clubs are requesting a donation to help defray this expense.

Fred Lete reported that the High Desert ARC was putting up a repeater this coming weekend on 145.310 MHz. with a minus offset and a PL tone of 162.2 Hz. This repeater will be located in Rio Ranch on Hood Road near the Walmart on Southern. This is an open repeater and Fred wished to thank Paul Choc for his donations and for helping to make this repeater possible.

Captain Bob Grant reported that the AARC is running a raffle for a Yaesu FT-250R. Also, he was promoting a movie called "A Spark in the Sky, a look into the marvels and mysteries of Amateur Radio". DVD's of the movie are available for \$10 each with the money going to help defray production costs and to support the AARC.

13. (13a) In recognition of Paul Springer's work to help develop the on-line database, he was given a Life Membership in the URFMSI. Tonight he was presented with a certificate for Life membership and was given the thanks off all those who were present.

(13b) Brian spoke on the current work being done by the Bylaw Review Committee. A lot of this work was done at the March Board Meeting and there are a few items that remain to be discussed and voted on. It is anticipated that this work will be concluded at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board

Meeting. When this work is completed it will be posted on the website for review by all the members and the ad hoc committee will be dissolved.

There was no other old business.

14. (14a) Recently there were two vacancies created on the Board of Directors. One was created by the resignation of Mike Pendley due to a work overload and one created by the resignation of Scott Westerman who moved to Michigan.

(14b) The current Board chose to nominate Dave Adair (WE5WTS) and Mike Langner (K5MGR) to fill those vacancies. The floor was opened to any additional nominations by the Membership. There being none, a motion was made by Goodie that the nominations be closed. This motion was seconded by Don Wood. Both Dave Adair and Mike Langner were elected unanimously to serve as Directors on the Board of the Upper Rio FM Society, Inc.

(14c) Mike Pendley spoke about the DCHF and called for anyone who would like to participate in the Forums that are part of this event.

The ARRL 2011 Rocky Mountain Regional Convention will be held here in Albuquerque. There remains a lot of work to be done.

15. Brian called for the Directors to identify themselves and asked the membership for their input to help the URFMSI continue and to grow. A motion was made to adjourn by Brian and it was seconded by Goodie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.
16. The presentation for this meeting was given by Captain Bob Grant (KD4HCR) on the topic of Amateur TV – ATV.

Minutes submitted by:



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An audio recording of this meeting (in Windows .WMA format) is available to any URFMSI member in good standing who would like a copy. The running time is 55 minutes. The file size is 50.4 Megabytes and as such is too large to be emailed. To obtain a copy of this file please contact Secretary Larry Goga (AE5CZ) to make the necessary arrangements.