



The Upper Rio FM Society, Inc

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Minutes from the January 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pendley at 7:30PM.
2. Don Grab, K5BIS performed the Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Self-introductions - There were 32 members in attendance. There were 2 members from outside the Albuquerque area. There were three (3) Board Members present including President Mike Pendley (K5ATM), Secretary Larry Goga (AE5CZ) and Don Wood (W5FHA). Also present was Technical Committee Chairman and Trustee Harris Goodwin (WA5SJW).

Not present were Membership Committee Chairman Mike Eaton (K5MJE) due to a Wedding Anniversary, Vice-President Brian Milesosky (N5ZGT) due to ARRL business and Treasurer Fred Lete (KC5IPK) due to a scheduling conflict.

5. The Silent Key/Health and Welfare Report was given by Don Grab (K5BIS). Don reported that Merlyn (Woody) Underwood (KC5MAP) and Charles (Lou) Neal (KC5BC) are both Silent Keys. Members or spouses with recent medical issues included Kermit Goettsche (KC5HA), Peggy Grant (KD4LNO) and Charlotte (wife of Goose) who had knee surgery. Don Grab also reported that the wife of Don Witschger (KC5VLV) recently passed away. Harris Goodwin reported that Friend of the Society Patrick Jovanic's wife had surgery recently and is now doing well.
6. The Minutes from the October 13th, 2009 General Membership meeting were approved as written by unanimous vote.
7. The Treasurer's Report was given by Harris Goodwin who was sitting in for Treasurer Fred Lete. There is a total of \$46,007.98 in the two Savings Accounts and \$2,2297.26 in the Checking Account. All accounts are current and all bills are paid.
8. There was no correspondence.

9. (9a) The Membership Report was deferred due to the absence of Mike Eaton.

(9b) Robert Rieden (WD5IDL) gave the Facilities Report and discussed the change out of the Site Duplexer/Receiver Combiner at the Hub. Goose reported that the 96 Repeater was not working properly. The audio level was down and the linking system was not operable. There were also reports that the power level was down. The problem most likely lies in the linking repeater between 94 (Mt. Taylor) and 96 (Capilla Peak).

(9c) Goodie reported that a problem that was discovered by Ken King at the 94 repeater was fixed before the snows fell. All other repeaters appear to be working properly. The Technical Committee will investigate the linking problems between 94 and 96 as soon as possible, weather permitting.
10. The Trustee Report was inadvertently skipped. There were no Trustee's present except Harris Goodwin. (Goodie discusses the Trustee situation later in this meeting.)
11. Don Wood (W5FHA) gave the ARRL Report. Don stated that he is now officially functioning in his second term as NM Section Manager. The tailgate will be on January 30th at Del Norte HS. On Feb. 7 the NM QSO Party is scheduled. Don promoted joining ARES or RACES. The ARRL Regional Convention for 2010 will be held in Casper, WY and in Albuquerque, NM in 2011.
12. A Certificate of Life Membership was created and sent to Paul Springer. There was no other old business.
13. (13a) Both Mike Pendley and Brian Mileschosky were elected to second terms as Officers on Jan 1, 2010. (13b) Larry Goga started his first term as Secretary on Jan 1, 2010. (13c) Bill Ripley started his first term as a Board Member on Jan 1, 2010.

(13d) Harris Goodwin spoke on the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of possible changes.

(13e) There was discussion that a review of the situation of multiple Trustee's of the various repeater systems needs to happen. There are more than one Trustee yet the bylaws refer to the trustee in the singular. This situation needs to be addressed and corrected. Goodie suggested the formation of a "Trustee Committee" and asked the General Membership for their comments. The Bylaw Review Committee will take this item under advisement and will make recommendations to the Board.

(back to 13d) The ad hoc Bylaw Review Committee has been formed. It's been 5 years since the bylaws were last reviewed. The committee will meet in February and make a report to be presented to the Board of Directors at the March, 2010 meeting. An open call was made to the General Membership for their input regarding changes, additions or deletions to the bylaws. A draft of the proposed changes to the bylaws will be placed on the URFMSI website for review by the General Membership prior to being submitted to the Board of Directors.

(13f) The comments on the new format of the newsletter (*the hUb*) were all favorable.

(13g) The current map of the URFMSI Repeater Locations is in need of updating and modernizing. The existing map was created using AutoCAD and a more readily available application to change and update the map needs to be found. A call was made to the General Membership for anyone with experience in AutoCAD who might like to take on this project.

(13.h.1) Don Wood reported that Mike Langer is asking for old issues of ham radio magazines that will be distributed to hospitals. (13.h.2) Amateur Radio Exams will be conducted at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center on Saturday, January 16th. (13.h.3) A report was made that the first meeting of the Duke City Hamfest Committee for 2010 was held on Monday, Jan 11th. There was a call for volunteers. There will be monthly meetings of this committee. The 2010 Hamfest is scheduled for August 13-14 at the same location as last year, pending confirmation by the church. Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month.

14. NM-ARTS still conducting C-language programming classes. The NMARA hopes to be exhibiting at the Albuquerque Home and Lifestyle Expo in February, 2010. The HDARC meeting will be held on Saturday at 12 Noon at the building directly across from Cibola HS. The meeting is open to all hams and there will be a program presented by Don Wood.

Don Grab spoke about the Christmas Parties and banquets held by the AARC, the ARCC and the QCWA and their respective meeting dates, times and locations.

Goose reported that the Valencia County ARC headed by Ralph Clark gave a class over the Christmas Holidays. There were 33 people in the class and 31 people passed their respective exams. The VCARC will be sponsoring the NM QSO Party.

A comment was made that most of the New Mexico Amateur Radio Clubs can be found on the ARRL website.

Don Wood (W5FHA) reminded the members about the various Nets that are offered around the state. Net participation is important because the numbers are given to the ARRL and are used to support amateur radio use of their available spectrum.

Goodie reported that for those who use IRLP or Echolink at the Hub, the Gas Repeater is currently IRLP only, but it is much more reliable.

15. There was no presentation available for this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM.

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 file size is 61.6 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.

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