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Minutes from the July 12, 2011 General Membership Meeting

[The following item numbers refer to the corresponding agenda items for this meeting.]

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary Goga. Neither President Langner nor Vice-president Ripley were able to attend this evening's meeting. At the request of President Langner, the meeting was chaired by Secretary Goga. Board Members present included Mike Eaton, Larry Goga, Harris Goodwin, Fred Lete and Don Wood.
2. The Invocation was given by Don Grab (K5BIS).
4. At the time of the self-introductions, 35 members were present. There were a few people who arrived late.
5. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Fred Lete. Recent expenses included the purchase of a D-STAR transceiver and controller from ICOM along with the necessary peripheral hardware to create a working repeater system. There were also recent expenses for repairs and maintenance at the Hub Building. With these expenses paid, there is almost \$43,000 remaining in the Society's treasury. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as given. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
6. The Secretary had no correspondence and nothing to report at this time. Later in the meeting the Secretary brought up the issue of the Minutes from the April, 2011 General Membership meeting and he called for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Such a motion was made and seconded and the minutes were accepted without objection.
- 7a. Mike Eaton gave the report from the Membership Committee. Mike said that an error has been found on the membership card that he has been issuing. This error is now corrected. There are no current issues for the membership committee and everything is proceeding normally.

Secretary Goga reported that he has asked Paul Springer to come up with a way to send email messages to the members of the Society. Mr. Springer is currently working on this with the understanding that the security of the email database is of the utmost importance.

- 7b. Jim Gary reported that the Hub Building has had its refrigerated air conditioning activated for the Summer. He further reported that everything at the Hub was fine and there were no outstanding issues.
- 7ci. Mike Pendley was not present at this meeting. Later in the meeting Mike Eaton spoke to the membership about the purchase of the “Beagle Boards” and the ongoing work to develop a new hardware platform to replace the existing linking system. Mike Eaton let those present know that later this year two UHF repeaters at the Hub, that have very little traffic on them, will be removed from service and used to test the new hardware under real world conditions. There will be plenty of advanced notice given to all club members before this happens.
- 7cii. Harris Goodwin spoke about the recent repairs to the plumbing system at the Hub. This included new toilets, new faucets and hardware throughout and two new instant hot water heaters. All of this work was done by the Air Force Maintenance crew at no cost to the URFMSI.
- It was necessary to hire an outside electrician to supply power to the two new water heaters. At the same time, this contractor installed and wired three new 500 watt (each) outdoor floodlights with motion detectors.
- 7ciii. Paul Choc was not present at this meeting. Harris Goodwin reported that Paul is working on the Deza Bluff and Eureka MegaLink repeaters as well as on the Crest.
- 7d. The only Trustee present at this meeting was Harris Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin reported that there were no known Trustee issues at this time.
8. Don Wood gave the ARRL report. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Field Day event that was recently held. Don also reported that there have been some new Forum Tracks added to the Taos Convention.
9. Don Grab gave the SK and Health and Welfare Report. Don reported that both he and Secretary Goga had recently undergone heart bypass operations. Don reported that Jack Sprague (K4AK) and Jesse Wright (W5QDW) were both recent SK’s. Goodie reported the Sid Cutter (KD5MCU) was also a recent SK.
10. Pat Wood (KE5FVS) reminded those present of the daily Senior Citizens and Traveler’s Net (SCAT Net) every morning and asked everyone to please participate. Treasurer Fred Lete announced that the High Desert Amateur Radio Club would once again be transmitting from a tent on the field at Balloon Fiesta. Mike Pendley was not present to report on the NM-ARTS organization and Larry Goga had nothing from the NMARA.

11. There was no old business from the minutes of the April 12th General Membership meeting. A call was made for any other old business from those present. There was no other old business.
12. The only new business presented at this meeting came from Secretary Goga. He reminded those present that the next General Membership meeting (on October 11th, 2011) is the ANNUAL meeting of the Society. At the Annual meeting there are ratification votes for Life Membership and for the new Board Members and Officers. Any nominations in these two categories should be given to the current Board Members as soon as possible.
13. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Meeting Presentation – Mike Eaton and Harris Goodwin each spoke to the members about the current status of the D-STAR repeater system. Mike had photos of the current rack of hardware and he reviewed several of the websites for D-STAR operation. A laptop computer was available for members to register as users on the W5URD D-STAR repeater. Harris Goodwin spoke to the members about the current status of the Capilla Peak repeater shelter and the availability of high-speed internet and a working telephone at that location.

These are the minutes as submitted by:

(signed copy on file)

Larry Goga, AE5CZ
Secretary, URFMSI

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