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### **Minutes from the January 10, 2012 General Membership Meeting**

- 1-4. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Langner at 7:00PM. The Invocation was given by Don Grab, K5BIS. There were 36 members in attendance.
5. After the self-introductions the President turned the floor over to Don Wood, W5FHA and Bill Kauffman, W5YEJ; the outgoing and incoming New Mexico Section Managers for the ARRL. Each spoke on their experiences and plans for amateur radio in New Mexico during their respective terms in office.

After a brief intermission, the President called the meeting back to order and the formal business portion of the meeting began.

6. The Secretary Larry Goga, AE5CZ reported that copies of the minutes from the October, 2011 meeting were available for all present. A motion was called for to accept the minutes as written. The motion was made and seconded.

There was discussion about the need for taking attendance at these meetings and questions were asked about any existing precedence for these lists. Don Grab reported that he used to take them when he was Secretary for the Society, but now he just keeps them in a drawer at his home. There is no reporting to the ARRL about attendance at the meetings. Bob Watney suggested that the list could be used for tracking possible new members and he volunteered to maintain the sign-in list.

7. Treasurer Fred Lete, KC5IPK gave the Treasurer's Report. There was over \$40,000 in the Society's accounts and all current bills were paid.
- 8a. Membership Chairman Mike Eaton, K5MJE was present but he had nothing to report.
- 8b. Jim Gary, KB5CIJ was not present but Harris Goodwin, WA5SJW reported that the main heater at the hub had been reported as non-operational. The cost for a new heater was over \$800. Consequently, an electrician was being contacted to check out the heater and see if could be repaired or if it really needed to be replaced.

- 8c. Harris Goodwin reported that everything at Capilla Peak regarding the new installation there was operational with the exception of the back-up generator which was having some sort of starter battery problem. Since the generator was purchased and installed by KNME they are working to find the problem and repair it.
9. The Trustee Committee report was given later in the meeting.
- 10a. The status of the D-Star installation at Capilla Peak was covered by Harris Goodwin in item 8c above.
- 10b. The report on the status of the new linking system design was unavailable. President Langner reported that those who were working on this project were temporarily busy with other urgent Society business and would return to this project as soon as they possibly could.
- 11a. Secretary Goga reported that an error had been made at the October, 2011 General Membership meeting. At the Board meeting prior to that membership meeting a call was made for nominations for Life memberships. Secretary Goga had placed Jim Gary's name into nomination and the Board had voted to grant him Life membership status for all his work for the Society over these last many years. President Langner called for biographies of all those nominated. The biography for Jim Gary was inadvertently missed and as a result his name was not presented for ratification by the membership in October. The Secretary called for a motion to ratify the nomination of Jim Gary to Life member. Such a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Harris Goodwin, as Chair of the Trustee Committee, reported that quite a few of the clubs licenses that he was a Trustee for were coming up for renewal and that there might be an issue regarding some of these licenses since the FCC had recently changed the rules. Now, only one callsign will be issued to a club and it remains to be determined how this will effect the URFMSI and all the repeaters, digi-peaters and D-Star repeaters that are under its control.
- 11b. President Langner called for nominations for the vacant seat on the Board of Directors created by the passing of long time member Ken King. There were no nomination and President Langner suggested that everyone consider this for the next few days and report their possible nominations to him.
- 11c. President Langner called for any other new business. There was none.
- 12a. President Langner reported that the Board had unanimously voted to support the D-Star Academy. He asked Ed James, KA8JMW to give the details of the event. The event will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> in Socorro, NM at facilities on the campus of New Mexico Tech. The cost will be \$20 per person.

- 12b. Secretary Goga reported on behalf of the NMARA that there would again be booth space available at the ABQ Home Expo on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for a booth to promote amateur radio. Don Wood, as Caravan Master for the Amateur Radio Caravan Club, has taken control of the booth and that club will be staffing the booth during the run of the show.

Larry also reported that the High Desert Amateur Radio Club has signed up for the August, 2012 home show if booth space is available at that event.

Harris Goodwin reported that the NMFEMA organization would also be offering classes for Technician license sometime during the next few months.

13. Don Grab reported on the passing of Ken King. W5KZU, Roy Hollenbeck is also an SK. Roy was instrumental in bringing commercial TV to the Albuquerque area.
- 12c. President Langner called for any other announcements. Pat Wood, KE5FVS advised those present that the daily Senior Citizens and Travelers Net (SCAT Net) could always use check-ins.
14. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8:00PM.

These are the minutes as submitted by:



Larry Goga, AE5CZ  
Secretary, URFMSI

*An audio recording of the business portion 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 35 minutes. The file size is 33.6 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.*