

SMCARA Meeting Minutes 28 March 2019

Meeting called to order: 1930 by Rob Hoyt, N2OMC at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rob Hoyt

Introductions around the room and 19 folks signed in.

Presentation: Rene Ramirez, W3BNY, Anderson PowerPoles

Reports from Officers:

Vice President: Pete Butt, WA3UMY, no comment

Secretary: Jayne McNutt, W4VJU, gave treasury report - bank account solvent.

Treasurer: Walt Rupp, W3GYT, no comments, absent

President: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC

Old Business:

VE Testing Program: Mike Souders, KB3ZWM, gave a report. Test session was held on March 23, 2019. Two new hams. See more details at SMCARA website.

Museum SMCARA Station: Pete Butt, WA3UMY, reported room design complete, and they are currently busy cleaning, and hopes the construction will be complete mid-summer. Antenna and tower in good shape. Cable coming into building is good.

Field Day: Tony Barrett, N5TB. PAX Museum location reserved for 21-23 of June 2019. Pumped up about doing even better this year. Total of 5 computers for logging! Discussed using Wireless or using the high speed internet at Museum. Excited that we have an air-conditioned space. Briefed the club requesting feedback from the members on how many radios they would like to run and the level of interest for operating overnight, etc. Tony also mentioned that we may go with a digital station this year, probably running FT8, that will be part of the feedback he will request in his email. And of course we talked about food. Rick McNutt (KC3NEV) and Jayne McNutt said they would help with getting and cooking food. Mike said he would have a test session and would pick a time. Yay to all!

Tailgate Fest: Chuck Gantz, K3WJX reserved the Bingo Hall at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for the date of Oct 5, 2019. Treasurer wrote a check to cover rental fee and it was delivered. Talked about needing to get a food vendor. A motion to go ahead and allocate funds to pay and reserve the Bingo Hall for Oct 3, 2020 was submitted by Tony Barrett, was seconded by Rene Ramirez, and members and officers present unanimously agreed.

Trailer update: Gene Talley N3NO. The trailer registration runs out in a few days and Gene will pay the fee this year and we will continue to work out the details such as getting it moved, etc.

New Business:

Fox Hunt sponsored by FWARC will be 6 Apr 2019, if anyone would like to attend they are welcome. The CCARC monthly meeting is 5 Apr 2019 and will present a Fox Hunt Brief. They meet at LaPlata Rescue Squad located at 2 Calvert St, LaPlata, MD. at 1900.

SMCARA Weekly Net: Going well, but we could use a few more check in's. Thanks to Tom Clarke W4OKW for keeping the repeater in good shape!

50/50 Raffle Results: Rob Hoyt won and returned his portion to the club.

Meeting Adjourned: 2057

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Respectfully submitted, SMCARA Secretary - Jayne McNutt, W4VJU