



Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting – January 24, 2008
Region IX Educational Cooperative

- 1- Meeting called to order by Wayne Greaves, W0ZW, President at 6PM.
- 2- Since we now have 36 members on our roster, the 13 members in attendance constituted a formal quorum.
- 3- Announcements
 - a. Equipment donated by N1BDR, assisted by Robert Lasso, W6RQR was displayed on a table. What to do with the equipment will be discussed under item 7.
 - b. Bob Koenig discussed the upcoming demonstration at the RHS MESA club meeting. He will coordinate the effort and it will take place on April 29.
 - c. Mike DeVore from White Oaks, a visitor was introduced. He hopes to become a ham.
- 4- Treasurer's report
 - a. Tim, K5OI, Sec./Treasurer gave the financial report (see attached). The income/expenditure indicated that we had income of \$551.87 and expenditures of \$722.77 for the fiscal year to date, the difference being \$170.90.
 - b. Wayne mentioned that Region IX Educational Cooperative was going to charge \$50 per year for our meeting place. It was moved, seconded and passed that the club pay \$50 for the space rental.
- 5- Village of Ruidoso Antenna Ordinance.

The VOR Ordinance was discussed. A letter requesting that SBARC and VOR cooperatively develop new ordinance language that is more accommodating to amateur radio has been developed, tweaked and delivered to the VOR. If the VOR turns us down, the SBARC membership concurs that we should go forward to include contacting ARRL if necessary.
- 6- Fund raising

It was agreed that, via the forum on the SBARC website, we shall develop a “wish list” of projects to possibly be supported by a) donations, and/or b) grants. Sample projects might include: education, meeting place and storage (clubhouse?); emergency vehicle, go-kits, field

day equipment; and test equipment. We hope to finalize our list by March 1, 2008

7- There was extensive discussion about what to do with donated equipment. Four possibilities were:
a) use for field day; b) education; c) loaner pool for membership or schools; d) sell it. It was decided to place this as a forum item.

8- Repeater topics

a. Current status – Although the move of the old backup repeater has been completed, we still need to acquire the battery backup and charging system for Camelot. It was recommended that we acquire a sealed battery and not a vented lead/acid type. Several possibilities are being pursued including soliciting donations. There is approximately \$160 left of the original \$500 approved at the annual meeting.

b. EchoLink – Jim, W5ZIT and Tim, K5OI tweaked the EchoLink software to not allow the forwarding of conference status. This seems to be working well.

c. Periodic maintenance – Wayne, W0ZW, stated that a maintenance checklist had been developed but needed to be implemented. It was decided to provide training after a Saturday breakfast so we will have additional personnel to provide maintenance assistance.

d. Documentation – Although we have pretty good documentation for the Camelot repeater, we need to develop the same thing for Alto Crest.

e. Other – It was suggested that we might try an omni-directional antenna at Camelot. Although this can be pursued, it's more complex than it appears. It was also suggested that we place the Camelot repeater on an already approved pair of frequencies and link the repeaters. This was discussed and further discussion will take place before any action is taken.

9- Field Day – Grey and Catherine are co-coordinators. Planning is underway and they solicit your input via the forum already on the website.

10- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Pettibone, K5OI
Secretary/Treasurer