

SJCARS

San Juan County Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of Meeting: 12 June 2020

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Secretary

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Call to Order

A brief business meeting was called to order at 11:30am by Scott (W7SLM) via Zoom.

Attendees

Scott W7SLM	Elizabeth KE7KDR	Alan KJ7BFC	Corky AF4PM
Ned KL7QK	Peter WA7FUS	Mike KJ7NRP	Brian K7BLS
Dan N6AU	Dave K9MRQ	Rod KI7ZI	Kent KF7VDD
Kenny KU7M	Mary-Brooke W7TZW	Paul N7TZW	Robin KJ7BFD
John K7VJ	Jeff N7OSS	George N7HPE	Bob K7NHE
Jim KJ7BJT	Brenda KJ7BUV	Basil N7NIX	Craig AE7NA
Ed Kd7TUN	Clare KE7WQY	Habib KJ7KJC	Mike KJ7NRP
Budd WB7FHC	Wayne WA6MPG	Hoop K9QJS	Guissepi

Summary of Motions and Votes

Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as posted on the web site.

Topics Discussed

- Approval of minutes
- Officer updates
 - Treasurer:
 - \$5,059.43 in the bank, up from \$4,938.55 in May
 - Income from memberships, no expenses.

- 78 members
 - Secretary: nothing to report
 - Vice President: nothing to report
 - President:
 - Eclipse festival of frequency measurement is coming up. To find out more go to:
 - <https://hamsci.org/june-2020-eclipse-festival-frequency-measurement>
 - FCC has a new logo coming out. It's a lot more colorful. More info here:
 - <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-adopts-a-new-official-seal-in-anticipation-of-relocation>
 - ARISS mid-altitude balloon race in June. The Pasco team will be joining us next month to tell us all about it. More info here:

<https://www.ariss.org/mid-altitude-balloon-race.html>
<http://twiar.net/?p=256>

- Committee reports

- Repeater update: waiting for the virus rules to lighten up before things can be installed because people over 65 are supposed to stay home until Phase 4. Lopez repeater is linked.
- Basil N7NIX mentioned that he got his Internet connection to 44-Net lit up via coordination with Rockisland & Caleb KD7KAB. 44-Net gets routed to the Rockisland address space. Others can do this as well. 44-Net, among other things, is used by HAM Wan and is an important HAM network infrastructure piece. To find out more info check out:
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMPRNet>
- VE update: Testing on Lopez on Friday 26 June. Testing is going to be reservation only and tests will be given sequentially (one at a time) to keep with social distancing. Currently 3 people are scheduled. Contact Kenny KU7M or Brian K7BLS if you would like to make an appointment for testing.

- [Calendar](#)

- Old business

- Website update
 - Focus will be on building a set of static pages that will serve as a place where people external to the

club can find out more about who we are and what we do.

- There will also be information like nets and club calendars
- If there is something you are really passionate about keeping from the existing website, feel free to let Bryan, Habib, and/or Elizabeth know.
- Field Day 2020 (27-28 June)
 - This year will be mostly about doing things on your own. Get on the air and make some contacts.
 - Go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> to download the [packet](#) that they have and read the instructions.
 - Contacting other club members counts!
 - If you need help, call out on the repeater for "Elmer" assistance.
 - Make and log your contacts, then use the online form to submit them. Don't forget your club affiliation!
 - New feature this year for clubs to have an aggregate score for total club contacts. We will not be operating under the club call sign as one station this year.
 - **When you submit your contacts add "San Juan County Amateur Radio Society" for club affiliation.**
 - On Lopez, Basil is putting together something with a few people.
 - Ned is going to make some contacts from his shack.
 - David Giuliani is going to try out his new vertical antenna operating from home in FH on emergency power.
 - Dan N6AU will be operating "1B" non-club emergency power with up to two people.
 - Elizabeth reminds everyone that sharing on social media will earn you extra points -- check your packets!
 - Habib will be operating via handheld.
 - [Summits on the Air](#) has great resources for folks with handhelds who want to get up on a hill to get better coverage to make more contacts.
 - Peter will also be participating from home.
- New business
 - Upcoming meetings
 - We will need to be in phase four in order to have in-person meetings.

- Fire station on Orcas is not hosting outside events at this time.
- [Presentations](#)
- [Stories from your shack](#)

Presentations

Titanic's Radio

Presented by Scott W7SLM

Key points:

- Salvagers got permission to retrieve the telegraph machine that sent out distress calls.
- They're going in August.
- They will be cutting into the wreck.
- Radio might have been the first to use the SOS distress signal. Before that it was CQD that stood for "CQ" + D for distress.
- SOS had only recently become the international distress call. Recognized as easier to send and easier to understand, even in rough conditions.
- Recorded that the radiomen joked: "Send the SOS, it's the new call and it may be your last chance to send it."
- Excellent detail about the effect of radio on the disaster and of the disaster on radio in an article by de Fred Archibald VE1FA.
"Radio aboard the RMS Titanic" a 42 slide presentation
By Fred Archibald, VE1FA Halifax Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.halifax-arc.org/pdf/TitanicRadiol.pdf>
- More links listed at end of the Agenda:
<https://groups.io/g/SJCARS/files/Agendas/2020/SJCARS%20Agenda%2020200612.pdf>

New Ham Shack

Presented by Bob K7NHE

Bob shared photos of his ham shack set-up and my summary won't do justice to his virtual tour. If you missed the pictures during the meeting, ask him to share them with you. Sweet shack, Bob!

Bob has recommendations for how to use Windows on a Mac. If you have questions or need advice, let him know.

Your Ham Shack, Old and New

Presented by Dan N6AU

Dan shared a photo of his radio set-up when he first started out vs. his set-up today. Another very excellent and well organized set-up.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Link to Scott's calendar?

<https://groups.io/g/SJCARS/files/SJCARS%20Calendar%2020200612.pdf>

Upcoming club events:

- VE testing session on Lopez (26 June)
- Field Day (27-28 June)
- July meeting via Zoom

Upcoming external events:

- SJI marathon cancelled
- Ragnar still has no information on website
- Rookie roundup is on for 16 August
- Lighthouse / lightship events are TBD (22-23 August)

Stories From the Shack

- Hoop K9QJS showed pictures of his dad's set up. His dad was K9QJS before Hoop. We also got to see a photo of a young Hoop with the station of his youth, but he didn't get his license until later. He showed us photos of his first set-up after he got his license, and then what it looks like now, both his height-adjustable desk and his mobile set-up in his car.
- Peter WA7FUS showed us a photo from his shack with his dual monitors and radios.
- Ned gave us a live virtual tour of his shack and a view of the antenna out the window.
- Kenny KU7M shared a picture of young Kenny fixing a repeater. Then he showed us a picture of his current set-up.
- Corky AF4PM showed us a photo of his shack and all the PCs that are keeping his feet warm.
- Jim KJ7BJT got into ham radio a bit more recently but has already expanded from his original base station. He showed photos of both.
- Wayne WA6MPG showed us how his shack is set-up.
- Scott W7SLM showed us a picture of his shack.
- Peter WA7FUS suggested that we have a casual club Zoom meeting to catch up and share stories after Field Day.

Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 13:40pm.

The next club meeting will be Friday July 10, 2020 online via Zoom.

Please send additions, corrections or comments to:

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