

# SJCARS

San Juan County Amateur Radio Society

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## Minutes of Meeting: 11 December 2020

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Secretary

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## Call to Order

A brief business meeting was called to order at 11:33am by Scott (W7SLM) via Zoom.

## Attendees

Scott W7SLM	Elizabeth KE7KDR	Peter WA7FUS	Budd WB7FHC
Ed KD7TUN	Dan N6AU	Dave K9MRQ	Rod KI7ZI
Wayne WA6MPG	Greg AE7EL	Mike KJ7	Jim KJ7BJT
Bryan K7UDR	Habib KJ7KJC	Hoop K9QJS	Paul N7TZW
Steve N8GNJ	Bob K7NHE	Mike KJ7NRP	Ron N5SBN
Basil N7NIX	Tom N1TOV	Corky AF4PM	Larry NM7A

## Summary of Motions and Votes

### Previous Meeting's Minutes

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

## Topics Discussed

- Minutes from November meeting approved
- Officers Reports
  - Treasurer
    - 2 memberships and a battery core refund totalled \$78.02 income to the club
    - Current balance is now \$ 5030.35
    - Will be mailing a check for \$200 to ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund
  - Secretary -- no report
  - Vice President -- no report
  - President
    - Solar Cycle 25 is now underway, expected to be weaker than average, but stronger than the last one  
<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2020/what-will-solar-cycle-25-look-like-sun-prediction-model>

- ARRL 10 meter contest is this weekend, details at <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>
    - ARRL offers webinars as a member-only benefit, covering a variety of topics, looks interesting! <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>
    - UCSD has developed a new silver oxide-zinc battery, rechargeable and 5-10x higher energy density than lithium <https://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/flexiblebatteries>
- Committee Reports
  - EmComm
    - San Juan County Incident Command Vehicle has been relocated to San Juan Island from Orcas
  - Repeaters
    - Batteries are installed and everything seems to be working great.
  - VE Team
    - VE testing session is a go on December 12 at the Mason's Hall in Friday Harbor. 6 exams scheduled!
- [Calendar](#)
- Old Business
  - Change to meeting minutes process
    - Elizabeth is sending out a link to the draft of the meeting minutes via groups.io after the meeting and giving folks a week or two to read and provide comments and updates.
    - Meeting minutes are then finalized and posted to the website after all feedback has been incorporated.
    - Purpose of this is to cut down on the number of changes we need to make to our meeting minutes as posted on the website.
  - HAM WAN links
    - Bryan delivered HAM WANs to Lopez and Orcas via plane
    - Bryan working on getting link up by the first of the year so folks can connect to them
  - Spectrum defense wrap-up
    - \$200 donation from the club being matched
    - \$525 dollars in donations from club members outside of the club donation
- New Business
  - Election slate presented by Dave K9MRQ

- President -- Hoop K9QJS
  - Vice-President -- Ed KD7TUN
  - Treasurer -- Dani KE7TLE
  - Secretary -- Elizabeth KE7KDR
- No new nominations for Treasurer
  - No votes against
  - Dani will continue as club Treasurer
- No new nominations for Secretary
  - No votes against
  - Elizabeth will continue as Secretary
- No new nominations for Vice President
  - No votes against
  - Ed will continue as Vice President
- Only nomination for President is Jim Hooper
  - No votes against
  - Hoop will be the new club President
- [Presentation\(s\)](#)
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## Presentation(s)

No presentations

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Club events

- Each month we plan to have a general meeting and a tech session
- Orcas picnic in May and Lopex picnic in September, pending pandemic restrictions
- Possible VE session in June
- Field Day 26-27 June

### External events

- Mike and Key swap meet in March has been cancelled, but they may have something virtually
- MicroHAMS Digital Conference in March date is TBD, may be virtual
- Comm Academy is going virtual
- Hamvention 2021 is scheduled for in person for May 21 - 23

Calendars will be posted to groups.io and SJCARS website

## Stories From the Shack

- Dave K9MRQ provided a DStar update.
- Ed and Bryan have been doing some testing on their HF set-ups because they are located so close together in their shared shack and don't want to blow up their equipment.
- Steve provided an update on his current projects.
- Dan asked if anyone has requests for tech topics and is bicycling to nowhere while listening to ARRL code practice.
- Bryan discovered interference from his power supply and is working on resolving that.
- Ed also had some noisy power supply issues.
- Hoop figured out how to use his iPhone as an external camera for Zoom sessions using Epoccam.
- Habib is also using an iPhone as an external camera also with Epoccam.
- Budd has an extruded bar set up to hold his bench camera so he can have a view on his workbench and switch to that during meetings, as needed.
  - If you are trying to switch between two cameras of the same type, it is more complicated.
  - Budd is aware of a workaround.
- Basil is looking for someone over on San Juan who might want to be a test case for 9600 baud.
- Bob has been resurrecting an old AM station and has been working with a ham down in Bothell (Jim K7NCG) who is really good at working with old tech.
- Ed (and the rest of the club) want to thank Scott for his years of service as club president.

## Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

The next club meeting will be Friday, January 8, 2020 via Zoom.

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**Please send additions, corrections or comments to:**

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