

Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024



Prepared by:

Steve Rizzi, KE7UUJ & Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG

Persons Present:

Lois Ramirez, Johny Ramirez, N7ABC; Jesse Moreno; Mike Burke, KJ7ZMV; Steve Rizzi, KE7UUJ; Mike Hill, N7PQ; Ron Bruderer, N7ERH; Joan Bruderer, KD7EMQ; Brian Roberts, AC7AF; Robbie Spain, KD7CJO; Nate Roberts, Viki Aaron, John Aaron, KE7GPK; Ryan Rumph, KK7VJM (Virtual), Bob Spain, WB2RVE; Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG

18:35 – Meeting called to Order

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by John Aaron, Robbie Spain seconds motion.

Motion passes

Treasurers Report:

Lois Ramirez reports balance of \$4024.62,

Brian Roberts motions to approve Treasurer’s Report, John Aaron seconds motion

Motion passes

Old Business:

Minuets from October’s meeting were presented on screen, also available on wy7u.org.

Requested Changes: John Aaron would like his name to be fixed in the adjournment

Motion to approve October’s minuets by Lois Ramirez, second by John Aaron

Motion passes

Deferred Items:

Alternative Communications Plan:

Background: Over the summer, both the .94 and .651 repeaters were both offline. Steve Rizzi, KE7UUj was able to get them back up and working again fairly rapidly, but brought to light that we should have some type of fallback plan should we need to use it in the future. The past few meetings since September, we have been working on creating an alternative plan so everyone has an idea of where to go should the first option not work.

- VHF - Primary – 146.940 Repeater,
- VHF - Secondary – 444.500 Repeater,
- VHF - Third - 146.610,
- VHF - Fourth - announced on 146.520 and move to 146.400
- HF – 3.9235 MHz
- HF – 7.2500 MHz

To test capabilities, we proposed exercise where we would relay a message from north of Rock Springs to the west side of Green River.

- Fixed locations:

- Ron Bruderer from his house
- John Aaron at WWCC Water Tower
- Brian Roberts at Purple Sage Road
- Ryan Rumph at Upland Way, Green River
- Zach Gunyan at I80 - Exit 83 (Labarge Exit)
- Steve Rizzi - Floating

ICS-213 Form, is going to be used to send messages under the typical ICS Structure. Everyone has a copy in their envelopes. Please fill out this form as we work through the exercise. There is also a timeline in the packet.

About 1:30pm, start heading out to their location and have their radio programed and ready to go. About 1:50pm, Ron announce on the .94 Repeater we will be doing this on the 146.520. 2:00pm, start exercise. At 2:30pm, we will head to Justice Center where we will debrief.

Deferred Items (Continued):

Donation – Billy Lew, KF7HIL

- Fiberglass mast has been donated to the club. Need volunteer to test this mast and see if anything is needed to ensure ability to deploy reliably.
- Steve Rizzi, KE7UUJ will put it together and see what all we need to do to ensure it is operational.

Nomination Committee

- President
 - o Zach Gunyan
 - o Mike Hill
 - o Steve Rizzi
- Vice President
 - o John Aaron
 - o Brian Roberts
- Secretary
 - o Mike Hill
 - o Doris Haskell
 - o Lois Ramirez
- Treasurer
 - o Lois Ramirez
- Request for write in ballot as well.
- Voting will take place in December

Christmas / New Year Dinner & White Elephant

- Phoned Doris Haskell into the meeting to gather an update. She has not confirmed anything yet.
- Locations: Wild Mustang, Santa Fe Trail or Pizza Hut
 - o Group Vote: Wild Mustang - 0, Santa Fe Trail -9 or Pizza Hut -1
- Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 5:00pm – Santa Fe (Doris Haskell Contact)

New Business:

Tech Class Discussion

Bob Spain - Original proposal was to have a four hour session on two Fridays, and eight hour session first Saturday, and four hour session on the second Saturday. On the first Friday, we had two people show for the class, neither of them had read the book, or study material nor had any experience. Advised that we close the session, and they read through the study materials. On Friday the 22nd, return so we can do a Q&A session. Then we can proceed with the test on Saturday. We have a total of five people interested. In the future a different method of teaching should be utilized.

Discussion continued on pushing testing date, ultimately decided to open second testing date on January 11th at 10:00am.

New Business (Continued):

Winter Field Day

January 25& 26th – Tabled

Statewide communication Discussion

Steve will get statewide comms plan in writing from State ARES/RACES. Discussion on potentially running a portable HF system. Committee to establish ARES/RACES contacts at the state level was proposed but not voted upon.

Round Table:

Robbie: DMR Net established on Saturdays at 8:00pm on Wilkin's Peak Local 1

Steve: Gave overview on what DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) and a couple other digital radio.

Steve Rizzi & Robbie are going to gather information for community services so we can determine events for our group to engage with the community more.

Upcoming Events:

November 16th 2:00pm - Simplex Test

November 22nd 4:00pm – 8:00pm - Technician class - Justice Center

November 23rd 8:00am Technician class - Justice Center

November 23rd 1:00pm Radio Exam Session - Justice Center

January 11th, 2025 10:00am - Amateur Radio Test - Justice Center

January 11th, 2025 5:00pm – Santa Fe, Holiday Party & White Elephant

Next meeting:

December 10th, 2024 6:30 pm

Sweetwater County Justice Center

50140 US Highway 191 South

Rock Springs, WY 82901

Adjournment – 19:49

Motion to adjourn by John Aaron, Second by Brian Roberts

Motion passed