

May 8, 2021 SF ARES Meeting Report

Attendees

- AG5S, President
- KE5GLR, Emergency Coordinator
- K5OVU, Vice President
- W0WLV, Secretary
- N4VIP, Treasurer
- K5RVR
- NY5S
- KG5YHB
- N1LYN
- KD5GKH
- KG5SWG
- KF5SGT
- KF5RGU
- N5BGC
- KF5QGD
- WB7Y
- K3UGR
- N5EYS

1. Call to Order by AG5S. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the group met by Zoom. AG5S called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Emergency Coordinator Report by KE5GLR. Would like to ask any member willing to provide information as to date of final COVID vaccination to email that to KE3GLR.

3. Secretary's Report by W0WLV.

W0WLV announced that next month's group meeting will be held by Zoom on June 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., with the monthly DRATS and voice net to be held on June 8, 2021 at 19:30 and 20:00, respectively.

4. Net control assignments by AG5S.

AG5S appointed K5OVU as net control for voice net and KG5SWG as voice control or DRATS net.

5. Treasurer's Report by N4VIP

N4VIP reported a balance of \$4034.07 in the Del Norte accounts as of 7 May 2021. Since March, SFARES has received no income and expended \$804.95 for various items including: the internet service at the Food Depot for April; SFARES modem and Power Distribution Unit at the

Food Depot; repair to a laptop for the Presbyterian Hospital; and Postnet for the SFARES mailbox through Nov 2021.

The new SFARES modem at the Food Depot means SFARES will pay \$18.95 less for the Comcast modem rent each month. We have reduced our monthly internet fee to Comcast from \$109 to \$65.

6. NET Reports by KG5SWG, AG5S.

KG5SWG reported the results of the SFARES Monthly D-RATS Net held on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 that started at 19:30; there were six checkins. For next month, will advertise for others to checkin who have DRATS capabilities.

AG5S reported the results of the SFARES Monthly Voice FM Net held on Tuesday, 4 May, 2021 that started at 20:00; there were 14 checkins.

7. Repeater Status Reports by N5BGC, N4VIP

- Tesuque Link Status -

N5BGC reported that there is no status changes since last update. Teslink is operating normally except for the .82 machine.

- SFARES 5 GHz System Status

N4VIP reported that this system is up to date and operational.

- RATFLECTOR status

N4VIP reported that the RATFLECTOR is operational and has been tested.

8. Training Committee Report by KG5SWG

In the absence of KG5LRB, KG5SWG reported that the training committee will meet next Saturday. The committee has been focusing on the table top exercise the group recently completed and is also planning to encourage ICS certifications among the members; the committee plans to provide a 20 minute briefing on each FEMA class as well as condensed written summaries for discussion at alternating group monthly meetings, starting with ICS 100 in June or July.

9. Other Business

K5RVR has an FT 1000 MP which he willing to donate to the group or to any member. Members are encouraged to contact him for more information Any other business will be discussed.

N4VIP reported that the Presbyterian hospital is looking at relocating the antenna site to avoid 800 ft of coax, the new spot is identical in terms of height and visibility but with only 300 ft of coax. The new site is more practical for all parties, so SFARES agreed to the change. N4VIP has programmed all radios for this site to conform to programming for other central sites. In the next 2-3 months, will be able to install antennas. They also have 5GHz system for installation; however, software version is not compatible with ours (which allows access to amateur bands), so they are returning that and will proceed upon receipt of correct version. They are planning to provide an UPS for backup power.

N4VIP announced that members should provide an activity report; SFARES uses this information to satisfy leasing conditions with the City of Santa Fe; volunteer hours are the “currency” we use to pay rent. We must provide the equivalent of \$5,400 dollars’ worth of value at 24 dollars per volunteer hour; we have accumulated \$75,000 worth of recorded service time for the past year. In previous years, we have recorded nearly \$100,00 per year; the pandemic and related limitations have reduced our public service activity over the past year.

10. Adjournment. With no further business, AG5S adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m. by motion of KF5RGU, with WB7Y seconding the motion, and all members concurring.