

Deming Amateur Radio Club

February 12, 2011

The meeting was convened at 10:01 am by President Pete Hamilton. Ten members plus two guests were present.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted.

The **Treasurer Report** shows that we have \$880.70 in Savings and \$1,274.58 in Checking for a total of \$2,155.28. The report was accepted.

Repeater Report

The Florida repeater site lost power during the cold snap. The backup battery kept the station running, although a loud buzz was transmitted and could be heard.

Old Business

Pete reported on the Thursday evening net. The club decided to retain the net with Pete acting as net control.

The check for \$100 to Sunrise Kitchens was delivered.

New Business

Pete proposed a group meeting, i.e. a HamFest, of area hams, possibly to include computer people also. A discussion occurred; no action plan was created.

The HamFest in Albuquerque will be moved to Taos this year. No plan to attend or participate was created.

A discussion regarding the need for a fund raiser occurred. Given that the club has no salaries or rent to pay, no assets that require expensive maintenance, and no hardware/software expansion projects, the need to raise funds beyond those provided by dues is not obvious. A suggestion was made to increase the dues to \$20 and avoid the need for a fund raiser; no action plan was created. The discussion ended with an agreement to change nothing at this time.

The **50/50** was won by guest Elton Bryant, KA7HSS.

A presentation on APRS hardware and software was made by Dean Cole.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on March 12 at the Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

submitted by /s/Jack Galbraith