

## SMCARA Zoom Meeting Minutes, 28 January 2021

- Meeting called to order at 1932: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC presiding
- Meeting was held using the video meeting app Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and not being able to meet in person
- Hams in Attendance:
  - SMCARA Officers
    - Rob, N2OMC
    - Pete, WA3UMY
    - Walt, W3GYT
  - Members/Attendees
    - Joe, W4NHN
    - Jim, KB1YZ
    - Neal, AC3CU
    - Chris, KB2SKP
    - Rachael, KF7AWC
    - Carlos, N3RDR
    - Mike, KB3ZWM
    - Erik, KC3QQD
    - George, WA1AGS
    - John, AC3FE
    - Jon, N3AK
- Presentation: Joe Neale, KM4NHN on the digital mode Fusion:
  - Joe showed some of the basics of Fusion, how to connect to the system and different rooms
  - Then went over some of the rooms and took questions from the group
  - The group agreed to hold a “net” at 1900 on Sunday, 1/31/21 using Fusion and logging into a couple of different rooms
- Report of Officers:
  - Secretary:
    - Rob put out to the club that we are still looking to fill the open position
  - Vice President:
    - Museum update:

- Pete advised that there is a lot of work currently going on at the museum to finish the building and also to fix drainage issues outside of the building
- Trailer update:
  - The club trailer has been temporarily moved to Pete's house while the drainage issues are corrected at the museum
  - The trailer title is being Transferred from Gene over to the club
  - Pete is going to have the trailer tires replaced and a general maintenance inspection performed. The club members were advised there would be a cost involved that the club would pay for
- Treasurer:
  - Walt gave a Treasurer's report listing all payments and income

#### Discussion Points:

- Winter Field Day is this weekend 1/30 - 1/31
- VE Test Sessions: On hold for now; will start back up as soon as possible
  - Columbia University is conducting very successful on-line test sessions
- Looking to create a net control roster and schedule to get more people experienced with running the net:
  - Numerous members advised they would like to assist as a net control; Rob will get with them, send the net script and come up with a net control schedule
- ARES Update:
  - Nets are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1930 on the 147.390 repeater
  - The team has started passing traffic using the ARRL Radiogram:
    - Plan to keep passing simulated traffic then start passing "real" traffic to and from the National Traffic System (NTS)
- Meeting was adjourned at 2100