

History of SCW Broadcast Club

In the beginning *In February 2013 10 interested SCW residents met in what was to become the SCW Broadcast Club. (Please see document dated 5/13/2013 “Sun City West Broadcast Club – Founding Direction and Next Steps” by Eric Wagner)*

Chartering *On June 5, 2013 the SCW Broadcast Club was granted chartered-club status by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. This meant applying for an FCC permit to build a radio station, build a tower and finally get an FCC license to broadcast.*

Applying for license *A core group of volunteers worked together so that by the fall of 2013 the application deadline to the FCC for a low power radio frequency was met.*

Approval *On February 10, 2014 the SCW Broadcast Club received FCC approval to build a radio tower. The FM frequency assigned was 103.1. In March 2014 approval was received to use KSCW-LP as the radio CALL letters for the upcoming station.*

IRS Designation *During the August 8, 2013 meeting, members began a discussion around what would be the best IRS designation for the club. The discussion continued at the Board meeting on March 21, 2014 and by the April 4 meeting, the Board agreed to apply for 501(c)(3) status. This would qualify the club to receive grants and allow the Club to solicit sponsors. It would also exclude the Club from paying federal income tax. In a letter dated September 29, 2014, the IRS approved the 501(c)(3) request granting the Club tax exempt status, retroactively effective on June 5, 2013.*

Internet *KSCW Internet Radio began broadcasting music, local announcements and other programming to listeners worldwide by the fall of 2015.*

Antenna *On June 18, 2015, a 50 foot steel pole with antenna assembly and cable was installed by Ken's Signs on the concrete slab on the north side of the Men's Club. Radio broadcasting began with the goal of applying for an FCC Broadcast License by 10/1/2016.*

Broadcasting *The year following installation of the antenna was characterized by a variety of glitches and set-backs including, but not limited to, equipment failures, trial and error endeavors, and funding scarcities. Volunteers continued to put forth monumental efforts to correct the problems that arose, membership continued to grow, and the SCW Broadcast Club continued to provide broadcasting that met and even exceeded listener approval expectations.*

Permanent Broadcast License *The Broadcast Club began the process of obtaining a permanent license as of 11/22/2016. On January 23, 2017 the FCC granted KSCW-LP a Low Power FM license.*

Emergency Alert System (EAS) *A requirement of the FCC is to have a functioning EAS. The SCW Broadcast Club's EAS went into service on 3/28/2017.*