

Sara Minutes for Nov. 16, 2011...Pending Approval

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, De.

Call to order: 7:30 PM

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Moment of Silence for fallen protectors of our country, community and silent keys.

Presidents Comments: Herb KF3BT welcomed all members and guests.

Al Waller K3TKJ gave a presentation on Flex-3000 Software Defined Radio.

Nominations of Officers for 2012. There were no nominations from the floor at this time. Because of that, the nominated slate was elected by consent.

The new Officers are as follows:

President – Chuck Betyeman W3DEL
Vice-President – Jerry Mullins KB3TXP
Secretary – Mike McNamara N3MRM
Treasurer – Paul Ross W3FIS

Directors are:

Herb Quick KF3BT
Bill Duveneck KB3KYH
Dell Palmer K3AXR

Repeater Report.

Herb KF3BT gave an update on the repeater upgrade project, with additional comments by Bill W3DR and John K3JL. A motion was made and passed to transfer an additional \$1000.00 from the SARA repeater reserve fund into the repeater escrow fund. This is because the cost of tower climbing, antennas, and materials needed to complete the job may exceed the original allocation of \$4,280.00. Any of this funding not used will be returned to the repeater reserve following completion of the antenna upgrade project.

Hamfest 2012

Bill KB3KYH said that HRO will attend the Hamfest, also the students of Sussex Tech High School will help with the setup and be available the day of the event. The next Hamfest meeting will be Jan. 11, 2012.

Holiday Party:

Willie W3IOU and his wife Ruth, will chair the Holiday Party at the Marvel Museum on Dec. 16, 2011. You can contact Ruth for details on what to bring and how you can help.

Field Day 2012

A motion was made and passed to participate in the Consolidated Field Day on the last weekend in June, 2012 at a location in Kent County.

ARRL Report:

Frank Filipkowski AD3M Section Manager gave his report on BPL Interference Rules; an upcoming Webinar on Amateur Radio in the next 25 years, and he thanked all those who participated in the SET exercise this past Oct. And he reported on the H. R. 607.

Secretary Report: The Secretary was not present. Mike N3MRM took the minutes

Treasures Report: Paul W3FIS will send out membership cards in 2012 to those who pay their membership dues.

DARTT: Joe W3TL said for further testing for Ham Radio License, you should contact Joe for scheduling the exam. Joe announced that DARTT will no longer provide regular testing at the Marvel Museum, and he will provide testing at his home by appointment. He said that he would provide testing at SARA meetings if he had sufficient notification of a group that wanted to be tested.

Races Report: A RACES report was given by Jay K3BH. He reviewed RACES support at Pumpkin Chunkin and commented on shelter antennas as well as an initiative to establish a simplex capability.

ARES Report: Bill KB3KYH reminded all to check in to the ARES Net on the first and third Thursdays of the month on the SARA repeater.

Past Presidents Report: None

Respectfully Submitted

Mike McNamara

N3MRM