

SUSSEX AMATURE RADIO ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at 7:29 pm

Pledge to the flag and moment of silence to our silent keys, those who have given their all to our beloved country as well as those serving in the armed forces.

Vice President Bill Prettyman started the evening program by introducing Deputy Chief Ray Burton of the Millsboro Fire Company. Deputy Chief Burton gave a presentation about the company and its history. The company has an annual budget of \$1.4 Million, a fleet of 17 various pieces of rolling equipment, 63 members, plus emergency response personal. The company answered over 1400 emergency calls last year, and is planning to build another fire station within 2 years west of Millsboro to accommodate the influx of people moving to the area.

Vice President Bill then introduced Chief Deery of the Indian River fire department. He gave similar information about their department. Indian River was started in 1953 and is an all volunteer department with a station in Oak Orchard. In 1970, an additional station was built in the Long Neck area. With a fleet of 19 various pieces of equipment, including 4 rescue boats. The 60 member force protects 17K year round residents and over 30K in the summer months. The program was to integrate and make aware to both the fire companies and our organization the importance of Amateur Radio in the event of an emergency situation.

Business Meeting

President Joe, spoke about field day. He showed the proclamations given to us on field day by the Mayor of Georgetown, the County, and Governor Minners office proclaiming the good work Amateur Radio does in times of need.

VP Bill stated that Sussex Tech will be operating their own repeater as of this September. They will operate on 145.310. The PL is not known at this time... stay tuned.

Denny Karol KB3MJ spoke about the lessons to be learned from field day. Although the day was a super success, as witnessed by all that attended, there were many lessons and things to be addressed for next year.

Many kudos go out to:

Denny KB3MJ

Walt W4ALT

Pat Ryan KW3Z

Marvin KB3HTE

Bill W3DR

Pres. Joe W3TL

...and every one else who had a hand in the success

Walt W4ALT spoke about the up coming Light House/Light Ship weekend scheduled for August 4th and 5th...anyone interested in going to the Light House must join the Light House Association for a \$25.00 fee. A special call sign has been issued for the weekend. The call is W3L and contacts will be made all weekend long. Two boats will be available to transport Hams, and will load from the Ferry Terminal. It is imperative that anyone interested call Walt at 644-WALT by July 24th to make arrangements for passage and pay your fee to the Light House Association. Don't miss out on this great event. It has been rumored that Pat Ryan will bring a bacon breakfast on Sunday. There is also a fee of \$25.00 if anyone desires to go on the Light Ship in Lewes.

Tony N3ME has worked on the high speed web site to create an online form for all to access. You can make suggestions and/or comments. You must sign in with your call sign, and just follow prompts... Thanks Tony

Pat Ryan KW3Z reported on ARES, and the progress being made around and with the county and state....

Justin Kates, KB3JUV reported on DEMA and the progress he is making with towns, and other government agencies.

Frank with ARRL reminded us of the up coming simulated emergency test to be held on October 6th and 7th... He also went over lessons to be learned from field day.

Pres. Joe W3TL informed us that DART will become a part of our monthly meeting. Any testing scheduled will be prior to the regular meeting, and any one wanting to be tested must contact him prior to that meeting.

There were (4) potential Hams tested at this meeting, and we now have (4) new Hams.

The meeting was attended by 27 members and 7 guests.

Respectfully submitted
Chuck Betyeman W3DEL