

SARA Minutes 13-November-2007

Meeting held at the Marvel Museum

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM

Pledge to the Flag

Moment of silence

W3TL welcomed all members and guests. Pre-meeting testing resulted in 1 new ham, Jim Crescenzo of Seaford and I up grade to General, Don Stein of Bethany Beach. Welcome to the group.

W3TL reviewed the agenda and stated that we have a lot of work to do tonight.

Presidents report:

W3TL passed out certificates for those club members that operated in the Lighthouse / Lightship weekend. He also passed out club certificates for those members that completed the ARECC Level 1 class. The ARRL certificates will follow in about 8 weeks; the instructors for the class were W3TL, W3DR and KB3MJ.

W3TL thanked N3NXR for the donation of a commercial coffee maker to the club. Thanks N3NXR!

Vise Presidents report:

W3DR is looking for ideas for Winter Field Day, the 26th and 27th of Jan. Send ideas to w3dr@arrl.net. He also reported that W3LOP is working on trailer mounted tower that the club may use for events. Thanks W3LOP!

Minutes:

N3IOD - KW3Z moved to accept, W3FYS second, so moved.

Treasurer's report:

KB3MJ stated that the club is 86 members strong. GREAT! KB3NZJ moved to accept, W3AUS second, so moved.

KB3MJ and W3DR are asking all club members to sponsor a student membership for 2008. KB3MJ would like to get a list of student names from any and all school clubs.

Committee reports:

Public Relations:

W4ALT continues to do a GREAT job!

Repeater:

K3JL repeater is still working well.

Website & QSL's:

N3ME stated that the website is coming along well and that he is still working on it.

N3ME requests postage for all outgoing QSL cards. KB3NZJ moved to pay postage, W3AUS second, so moved.

Newsletter:

W3FIS nothing to report.

Mentors:

N3IOD says keep up the good work! Mentors are available to help with airmail packet / pactor, HF, VHF and UHF projects.

Reports of Independent Entities:

DARRT:

W3TL states that DARRT continues to test. Another ARECC Level 1 class will be offered in the spring followed by a Level II class.

Sussex Tech:

W3ANT thanked W3DR, KF3BT and WA3CDV for all their help. They are trying to get more students on the air so if you have some old ham gear that you are not using why not donate it to a school club. Sussex Tech has 8 or 10 general class and 25 tech class operators that need radio equipment.

W3DR also asks that you donate any old gear to the Sussex Tech club. W3DR also thanked N3KNT for his help with the W3STR repeater.

N3ME asks members to share your station with a student on the weekend. GREAT idea!

ARES:

KW3Z states that there are 44 ARES members and that 16 are Level 1 completers. Contact KW3Z if you would like to join the ARES group.

ARRL:

AD3M's comments:

1. Thanks to all for the most successful SET, October 6th, and thanks to W4ALT for all the press coverage.
2. The telephone tree did break down so we need more ways to alert ARES members. Some ways are vhf pager, alert tones on the repeater, on frequency announcements and email.
3. The New Castle EOC amateur equipment has been purchased.
4. Kent EOC has a National Electrical Code grounding problem.
5. Sussex EOC should be operational Feb 2008.
6. DEMA had power supply problems.
7. HF worked well
8. We demonstrated reliable message traffic.
9. More training and Digital Comms needed. Voice traffic is slow.
10. AD3M thanked KW3Z for going above and beyond the call of duty for the SET.
11. ARRL is looking for instructors, check the ARRL website.
12. ARISS team is looking for a group in Delaware to work the International Space Station. (How about W3ANT and Sussex Tech)
13. Thanks to W3HE for helping with the Level 1 testing.

Old Business:

KB3ISA & the Constitution / Bylaws

Changes were out in Aug, Sept and Oct for action in November.

1. Article II Section 3 Officers plus the addition of 3 Directors 1- past president and 2 directors at large. KW3Z moved to adopt, KB3NZJ second, so moved.
2. Article VII notification of change in writing to include email 30 days in advance. K5HAL moved to accept, N3ME second, so moved.
3. Article II section 2 Bylaws dealing with significant contributions to the club. KB3MJ moved to accept, K5HAL second, so moved.
4. Article II section 4 W3ANT moved to accept, N3ME second, so moved.
5. Article IV K5HAL moved to accept, N3ME second, so moved.

6. The last item, member removal tabled. K5HAL moved to table, W3AUS seconded, so moved. KB3KYH recommended that AD3M provide SARA with samples of member removal clauses used by other ARRL-affiliated clubs so that our Constitution and Bylaw committee might have the benefit of some past and proven language. AD3M agreed to provide any available information to our committee.
7. KB3ISA will not send out the completed document except in a PDF file. The adopted version will also be printed on color paper. All new members will receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws when they join the club. KB3ISA will look into a club seal for official documents.

New Business:

Mike Merchant is forming an amateur radio club at Sussex Central High School. Mike needs your help. W3TL will take the lead with help from KB3PML, KB3ISA and KB3NZJ. GREAT!

Elections of Officers:

The following group was nominated to serve as club officers for 2008.

President W3DR

V-President W3DEL

Secretary N3IOD

Treasurer KB3MJ

Directors W3TL, KB3ISA and KB3KYH

K3PFW moved to close elections N3ME second so moved. W3TL introduced W3DR as the new president. W3DR thanked the 2007 officers for their excellent contributions and stated his commitment to continue the progress in 2008.

Christmas Party:

KB3ISA will head the committee for the Christmas Party with help from W3TL. It will be held at the Marvel Museum on December 19th at 7 PM. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and the club will supply the meat. K3PFW moved that the club purchase the meat, W3AUS second, so moved.

K5HAL moved to close the meeting, N3PG second, so moved.

Meeting adjourned.

The program was a [very informative](#) demo of airmail vhf packet by W3AUS and N3IOD.

Respectfully submitted, N3IOD