

SARA Minutes for 17 February 2010

(Pending Approval)

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Pledge to Flag

Moment of Silence for fallen protectors of our country, community and silent keys. Special mention was noted for the families of Tony, N3ME; Jack, W3JP and Ed Hill.

President's Welcome, Comments and Upcoming Events: KF3BT (in for KB3KYH) welcomed all members and guests. Herb thanked all for participating in **Winter Field Day** and also for their participation in the recent **Blizzard nets** during the State of Emergency in Delaware. Herb also reminded all that the **2010 Hamfest** scheduled for April 17th at Sussex Tech is right around the corner. KB3KYH sent his regards from sunny Florida. He expects to be back in the Delmarva area in another month or so. Finally, Herb reminded all that **Club Dues** are now being received by Paul, W3FIS and also that the **SARA bumper stickers** are still available.

Secretary's Report: The January Minutes are now posted on the SARA web site. A motion to approve by W3DEL was seconded by N3IOD and affirmed by the Members. K3LRH reminded all about the new "**Equipment for Sale**" section at the end of each monthly Minutes. Listings should be sent to K3LRH@ARRL.NET by the end of each month for inclusion in that month's minutes.

PIO Report: W4ALT is traveling the Hamfest circuit.

Repeater Committee Report: John, K3JL, and Bill, W3DR noted that there was a problem with the 2M system that was apparently located in the power supply. This was resolved and further emphasis on the need for a new system was mentioned. The Charitable Funding Committee is researching the availability of grants and potential donors for funding of repeater

replacement equipment. A grant application has been submitted to Senator Carper's office.

RACES Report: Cliff, KB3PML, thanked all ARES and SARA operators for their help during the recent weather related activations of RACES. He also mentioned that Art's (W4PON) wife, who was suffering mild hypothermia due to lack of heat and power at their home, was successfully evacuated by the Milton Fire Department during the last blizzard. The primary means of communication during this emergency was Art's 2M HT.

ARES Report: Herb, KF3BT, thanked all for participating in the recent snowstorm activation nets. Special thanks went out to Dave Pedersen KB3NRV for the fine job he did while operating the ham station KB3HEV located in the Sussex County EOC ham radio room.

ARRL Report: Frank, AD3M, mentioned that the new ARRL website is planned to be launched on February 25th. Frank also thanked all for their participation in the recent storm related call-ups. There will be two Radiological Drills conducted by DEMA during the month of March on the 24th and 26th. Amateur radio volunteer operators are needed to operate stations at the DE EOC located in N. Smyrna.

DARTT Report: Joe, W3TL, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, therefore there was no FCC testing this month.

PAST President's reports: None.

Sussex Tech Report: Herb, KF3BT, reported that there has not yet been a meeting of the Tech Ham Club.

Winter Field Day: Bill, N3IOD, reported that a great time was had by all who participated, and thanked all, particularly Marvin, KB3HTE, for use of his bucket truck, Nick, N3YMS, for the use of his generator and Jerry, KB3NZJ, for his leadership in the antenna installation, etc. We had a very good showing with 23 out of 27 possible multipliers attained. The final score has not yet been tabulated, but it looks like we will have a very good total. Bill and Jerry thanked all of the local operators for making contacts

with the Club in various modes and on different bands. Even a stateside HF net was giving the Club contacts! Additionally, thanks went out to Walt, W4ALT, for the use of his travel trailer as the operation shack. We had a total of ten operators that braved the heavy snowstorm to operate the rigs during the 24 hr event. Final scoring is currently being tabulated.

Hamfest Report: Chuck, W3DEL, reported plans for the **2010 DELMARVA AMATEUR RADIO and ELECTRONICS EXPO** are moving along. The web page www.radioelectronicsexpo.com is up and running. Walt, W4ALT, has crafted a press release. Also, links for flyers, application forms, etc. are now posted in the SARA and ARRL web sites. Updated links to the Sussex Tech, K3STR, web page are also planned. The date has been established as April 17, 2010 and the venue is Sussex Tech High School. Setup will be Friday before the event as usual. Admission will remain the same as last year: \$5 per person and \$15 per table. Food will be included with the entry fee. It is anticipated that several large vendors will be present this year, including HRO, Eagle One, and others to mention a few. Joe, KC2OCC; Jack, K3JP; and Jamie, KB3QLK, are working on obtaining raffle/door prizes from area businesses under our new 501c3 status. FCC license testing will be made available by DARTT and Roy, K1RY, will be a QSL card checker. Additional plans include: two silent auctions (auction items needed!), several raffles to include prizes such as a big screen TV, an emergency generator, and a small computer. Several additional Members are needed to help with this event, in particular, a Food Committee Chairperson, food cooks, etc. Speakers for the event are to be announced. This will be the biggest, most vital, event for SARA in 2010 and Member participation is crucial. Please become involved.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by KB3TCH was seconded by KB3NZJ and affirmed by the Members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Hecker, K3LRH

Secretary

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****** Equipment for Sale: ******

(This section is open to all SARA Members. If you have items for sale and would like them published at the end of the January Minutes, please send your list to K3LRH@ARRL.NET by the end of January.)

Len, K3LRH has the following items for sale:

Yaesu FT-897D 160M-6M + 2M + 440 MHz with MARS/CAP mod. by Burkhardt

LDG AT-897 Auto Tuner

LDG FT-897 External Meter

Programmed with local repeaters and more.

Includes stock hand mic, Operating Manuals, and all Original Boxes.

Sold as complete package....\$800

20M Pro-Am "Hamstick" type mobile antenna, new....\$10

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