

SARA Minutes for February 16, 2011 (Pending approval)

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Location: Marvel Barrel Barn, Georgetown, DE

Pledge to Flag

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

President's Comments and Upcoming Events:

Good and Welfare: Joe, W3TL, is recovering from recent surgery and is doing well.

Audit Committee: Willie, W3IOU and Bill, N3IOD have been appointed by the President, as required by the Bylaws, to make arrangements with Paul, W3FIS, Treasurer, to audit the SARA books and report at the next meeting.

PIO Resignation: Walt, W4ALT, has submitted his resignation as PIO and the Board accepted it. Thanks to Walt for his service.

Grass Cutting: Current plans are to set up a meeting with Jim Bowden to review SARA's responsibilities for the 2011 grass-cutting season.

Winter Field Day: Thanks to Dell, K3AXR, for another excellent event.

Joe Hudson Certificate: Joe, a long-standing friend of amateur radio, shall be awarded a Certificate of Recognition at the next Club meeting.

Leonard Award: Bill Colley, WGMD, was the recipient of the 2010 Leonard Award for his efforts in supporting Amateur radio on WGMD radio.

Vice President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: W3FIS read the report and a motion to approve by KB3TXP was seconded by W3MRM and passed by the Members vote. Paul also reminded Members that the **2011 Dues are now due** and he requests payment in the form of a check if possible. All Liability insurance and Taxes have been paid and an audit date with the Audit Committee is to be determined. Currently, there are 90 Members in SARA. In addition, PayPal buttons have been added to the SARA website for "Regular Dues" and "Donations to SARA".

Secretary's Report: K3LRH mentioned that the January 2011 Minutes are posted on the SARA website. A motion to approve the January Minutes was made by W3TRY and seconded by W3MRM. Carried by Members vote.

Winter Field Day: Jerry, KB3TXP, reported a successful WFD and about 4000 points were accumulated by the Club. Additionally, the FOOD was great. Thanks to all who participated.

Reports from Committees and Entities:

2011 Hamfest and Technology Expo: Scheduled for April 16th. Jerry, KB3TXP, reported that the plans are moving along well and that door prizes are being accumulated. The Raffle Tickets have been printed and were made available to the Members for sale. Ticket stubs and payments (preferably by check, made payable to SARA) should be submitted to Paul, W3FIS. We still need donations of additional door prizes. Dennis Smith provided an exercise for all Members to create a paper "Database" to aid in door prize solicitation. Joe Hudson has made a sizeable donation that will assure the success of this year's event. Bill, KB3KYH, reported that three speakers have been confirmed.

PIO: No Report.

Repeater: KB3KYH reported that talks with TMARC regarding the continued interference by the AARC 147.075 repeater with the KB3BHL repeater are ongoing. Bill suggested that any further interference be reported to Bill, W3DR, by email for documentation.

Membership: KB3KYH reported that the letter-writing membership drive has had good success and is planning expanding our coverage to include Worcester and Wicomico Counties.

DARTT: No testing at this month's meeting, next testing will be at the Hamfest on April 16th.

Sussex Tech H.S.: Dennis Smith reported that the 2M K3STR repeater antenna has been mounted on the water tank and that the plan is to eventually use the old pump house for the repeater station.

ARRL: AD3M mentioned the Bill Leonard Award for audio support of Amateur radio was given to Bill Colley, WGMD. This was one of three categories for the Award, the others being for video and printed categories. Several upcoming Webinars were mentioned. Check the ARRL web site for additional information. Field Day 2011 packages are now available from the ARRL. Frank mentioned that a total of \$62K in scholarships were awarded in amounts of \$5K to \$250. See also the Legislative Update section of the ARRL newsletter.

RACES: K3PFW reported that there will be no May meeting this year. Meetings are generally scheduled for the second Thursday of every month at the EOC in Georgetown.

ARES: KB3KYH mentioned the next ARES Net Thursday on the '075 repeater at 8PM. Other planned events include an ARES meeting on Feb. 23rd at Sussex tech H.S. and a simplex drill on March 5th. KB3NZJ mentioned that Cliff, KB3PML, will be conducting an MT63/2000 exercise right after the ARES net on Thursday. Simplex frequency 146.425 will be used.

Past Presidents Reports: None

New Business/Open Discussion: The idea of placing permanent antennas at the Marvel site was presented to them and was given approval, pending further information. To be continued.

Mike, W3MRM, suggested that the Club purchase a **FIRST AID KIT** and moved to do so. The motion was seconded by W3TRY and approved by Member vote. The kit was purchased on site and paid for by the Treasurer.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by KB3NZJ was seconded by K3JL and approved by the Members. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Hecker, K3LRH
Secretary

>))));> >))));> >))));> >))));>

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

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