

# **SARA Minutes for March 16, 2011 FINAL FOR POSTING (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.

## **President's Comments and Upcoming Events:**

**Good and Welfare:** Bill, N3IOD, is back home after successful surgery.

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

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

**Millsboro Fire Dept:** Plans for a Public Participation table at their event is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President's Report:** Chuck, W3DEL, mentioned that the Hamfest is getting close. A lot of good things are happening and Tony, N3ME, plans to take a supply of flyers to distribute from his table at Timonium this month.

**Treasurer's Report:** W3FIS read the report and a motion to approve by N3ME was seconded by KB3TXP and passed by the Members vote.

**Secretary's Report:** K3LRH mentioned that the February 2011 Minutes are posted on the SARA website. A motion to approve the

February Minutes was made by KB3TXP and seconded by W3AUS.  
Carried by Members vote.

### Reports from Committees and Entities:

**2011 Hamfest (Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics Expo):**  
Scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Jerry, KB3TXP, reported that the plans are moving along well and that door prizes are being accumulated. New event Flyers are now available. The Hamfest Committee is meeting weekly planning for a successful day. Paul, W3FIS, needs a list of names for thank you correspondence to hamfest donors. The Raffle Tickets are selling in anticipation of the Hamfest. Additional door prizes are needed. If you have items for Silent Auction, please contact Jerry, KB3TXP. Frank, AD3M has donated a dual band mobile antenna for a door prize or silent auction. Ticket stubs and payments (preferably by check, made payable to SARA) should be submitted to Paul, W3FIS. A sign-up sheet was circulated to the Members for participation in the various activities. Member participation is essential to make this another successful event!

**Hamfest PIO:** Herb, KF3BT has sent press releases to the following media: Cape Gazette, Coastal Point, Delaware Coastal Press, Delaware News Journal, Delaware State News, Dover Post, Seaford Leader and State Register, Seaford Star, WHY, WBOC, WDMT, Delaware Tourism and Sussex County Tourism. Herb also reviewed the sources of attendees for the Hamfest and reported that most come from Sussex County. Finally, Carolyn O'Neal from Sussex Tech has sent News Release info to her sources.

**Repeater:** K3JL reported all is working.

**Membership:** Jim Crescenzo KB3QAU joined SARA, in part due to Paul Ross's very helpful and personal contact with him regarding the new Wouxun transceivers.

**DARTT:** Joe, W3TL reported no testing at this month's meeting, next testing will be at the Hamfest on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sussex Tech H.S.:** A senior student is working with Pat, KW3Z, to study the signal coverage of the new K3STR station/antenna. Frequency is 145.310, tone 156.7.

**ARRL:** Frank, AD3M, mentioned that the ARRL does not support HB607 in its current form because it would block Amateur use of the 420-440 MHz portion of the spectrum for safety uses. Frank urged all Members to contact their House of Representative members voicing their comments using a sample letter format written by KD4PYR that is located in the ARRL website.

**RACES.** Jerry, KB3NZJ, reported that June will be the last monthly meeting for the summer. Meetings are held at the EOC in Georgetown.

**ARES:** Mike, N3MRM, mentioned that Thursday night this week is ARES net night on the Millsboro repeater. A short simplex test will follow the scheduled net, frequency: 144.915.

**Past Presidents Reports:** None

**New Business/Open Discussion:** None

**Old Business:** None

**QSL Cards:** Tony, N3ME, reported that all QSL cards are up-to-date. Tony is chairing a small committee to design and purchase professionally printed SARA QSL cards. Herb charged him with the responsibility prior to the SARA meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn by KB3NZJ was seconded by W3AUS and approved by the Members. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Len Hecker, K3LRH  
Secretary

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**\*\*\*\* 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](mailto:K3LRH@ARRL.NET) by the end of this month.