

SARA Minutes for 19 May 2010 (Approved)

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 Welcome, Comments and Upcoming Events: Bill, KB3KYH, welcomed all Members followed by an around-the-room introduction of Members. **Replacing the 2M repeater system** was discussed. Additional time is required for the Repeater Committee to determine our needs based on best product for the best price. The Committee will meet on May 25th to review the options and a recommendation will be forwarded to KB3KYH by May 28th. With the recommendation in hand, Paul, W3FIS, will be contacted to make the final purchase. The **special event at Ft. Miles** on May 24th was a great success. KB3KYH reported that contacts with seventeen states and two Canadian stations were made. ARES was also involved in a **water rescue exercise** during this event. KB3NZJ along with KB3TCH reported on the **Boy Scout Camporee** activities at Cape Henlopen State Park. Members of the LARS and SARA clubs logged over fifty contacts while eager scouts looked on. **Summer Field Day** is scheduled for June 26th and 27th. Dallas Carter's (SK) call W3PP will be used by the Club and should draw a lot of attention worldwide. We need someone to Chair this activity. A **Grass Cutting** schedule was circulated throughout the membership for sign-ups. An electronic version will be sent out shortly to all Members. Due to an ARES decision to move the twice-monthly ARES net from Sunday night to Thursday night at 8:00 PM, KB3KYH recommended that the 440 SARA Net be moved to 9:00 PM on Thursdays. We will try this schedule for the 440 net and see how it works out.

Delaware House Bill 229 has passed the House. This "Hands Free" Mobile Communications Legislation would likely severely limit the use of Ham Radio equipment from moving vehicles by FCC licensed and ARES trained emergency ham radio operators for the purpose of training and actual

emergencies. KB3KYH urged all SARA Members to write to their Senators and provided a sample letter for this purpose. An **Amateur Radio Month Proclamation** will be the topic of the day on May 25th at Council Chambers. It was suggested that this would be a good opportunity for SARA Members to show our elected officials what we can do...and have done...in the area of emergency communication, stressing the importance of our ability to operate from moving vehicles for this purpose. KB3KYH asked for a few volunteers to attend the council meeting. Joe KC2OCC, Tony N3ME, and Jerry KB3NZJ volunteered. Paula KB3TCH will join if her schedule allows.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: The April Minutes are now posted on the SARA web site. A motion to approve by W3TL was seconded by K3BH and affirmed by the Members.

Treasurer's Report: Bill, KB3KYH, read the report and reiterated that W3FIS is now accepting 2010 SARA dues. Motion to accept the report by Jay, K3BH, was seconded by Joe, KC2OCC and was affirmed by the Members.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee Report: Nothing.

Membership: W3TL, nothing to report.

Mentoring: No Report

PIO: Walt, W4ALT reported that the May 10th edition of "Emergency Management" magazine has an article on emergency management by ham radio operators. If you look real close, you might see Walt's name mentioned on page 60. Visit http://digitalmag.govtech.com/EM/EM_Mag_May10.pdf.

External entity reports:

ARRL: Bill, KB3KYH, in for Frank, AD3M, reported that there is a planned nuclear event exercise scheduled at the Salem Nuclear generating station. The center of activity will be at the DEMA emergency operations center at Smyrna. Although Sussex County is not considered in the event area for this exercise, various frequencies will be used and amateurs should be aware of this operation.

ARES: The regular ARES nets held on the first and third Sunday of each month on the 147.075 repeater have been moved to the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm. This schedule works better for most ARES members.

RACES Report: No report.

DARTT Report: Joe, W3TL reported that FCC License testing for twenty Sussex Tech students is scheduled for June 12th at 7:30 am. Joe will need six VEs to work this session.

Sussex Tech Report: No report.

Past Presidents' Reports: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: After some further discussion about Delaware House Bill 229, Tony, N3ME requested that loggers for future SARA events use UTC time reporting. That will make Tony's job of QSLing much more efficient. KB3KYH mentioned that Roy, K1RY, was not feeling well tonight and that he would try to re-schedule his presentation on LoTW for a later date.

Motion to adjourn by K3BH was seconded by W4ALT and affirmed by the Members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20PM.

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 June Minutes, please send your list to K3LRH@ARRL.NET by the end of June.)

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