

SARA Minutes for October 19, 2011...PENDING APPROVAL

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Pledge to Flag

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

President's Comments and Upcoming Events:

Grass Cutting, although the season is near end, grass cutting responsibilities continue. Volunteers are needed for this effort.

Nominations for officers for 2012 as reported by the nominated committee:

President: Chuck Betyeman
Vice President: Jerry Mullins
Treasurer: Paul Ross
Secretary: Len Hecker

Director/Immediate Past President, Herb Quick

Director: Bill Duveneck
Director: Terry Hastings

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. Elections to be held at the November Meeting.

Treasurers Report: None

Vice President Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Motion to accept and approve the minutes of the September meeting was accepted and these minutes were approved.

Hamfest Report: Bill Duveneck Chairman, 2012 Hamfest Committee reported:

- * Date for the 2012 Hamfest is 4/21/2012
- * The governing agreement between Sussex Tech and SARA has been executed.
- * The decision was made to hold VE testing sessions earlier in the day
- * Chicken has been generously donated
- * Cost of lunch to increase by \$1.00
- * Members are encouraged to solicit for door prizes
- * Frank Filipkowski, to send out a "Save the date email"
- * Next Meeting of the Hamfest Committee to be held on 11/30/2011 at 6:00 PM, Sussex Tech, all who have an interest are invited.

Repeater Committee Report:

Bill Duveneck Reported, Dell Palmer has been assigned as a member of the Repeater Committee.

Discussion and questions regarding the requested documentation of interference on the 147.075 Repeater. It was reported this documentation is necessary and requested by the FCC in order for further action and remedy to be effected.

All users of the 147.075 are requested to document any interference and report same to Herb Quick or members of the Repeater Committee.

The new Hard Line Coax has been procured at a substantial discount (>\$1000.00) and is stored on site at the tower location.

Al K3TKJ has donated two 440/70CM antennas to the club. SARA recognizes and appreciates this generous donation.

Estimates for tower work are in progress. Two estimates have been received in the \$2000.00 - \$2500.00 range. A third company could not meet those figures and will not be bidding. A fourth bid will be solicited with the goal of having the job done at or below \$2000.00

A 6 db two meters and 6 db 220 antennas have been reserved from Laird. If we are not successful in having the tower work competed for <\$2000.00 The cost of these antennas and associated parts will be on or about \$400.00 of the approved budget. If the tower work can be bid for a lesser amount, it will be possible, while remaining within budget, to purchase a second 2 meter antenna and phasing harness, realizing a 12 db gain.

It was noted that consideration should be given to using funds now listed and reserved for repeater maintenance to purchase the second two meter antenna as listed above, regardless of the results of the tower work costs.

Membership:

Herb Quick noted the club is now accepting club dues for the year 2012. There was discussion regarding treatment of late or non dues paying members versus new members/Students. After a reading of the appropriate section of the By-Laws, it was agreed no changes are necessary. Letters to previous members whose membership lapsed due to non payment of dues for 2011 will be sent out in November, in an attempt to regain these members for 2012.

Tony, N3ME stated he would like to see more guest speakers and programs as a way of making the meetings more appealing. Doing so would help attract new and maintain present members. There was a consensus support for this recommendation and the present and future club leadership will endeavor to make it happen.

Herb Quick appointed Al Waller, K3TKJ, as Program Chairman. Schedu

Gerald, W3AUS stated he thought too much time was dedicated to the business meeting. Further when guest speakers were present, many club members left after the business meeting, due to the lateness of the hour and this was disrespectful to the speaker.

Sussex Tech:

Herb reported that himself and Bill W3DR continue in an advisory role to the electronics and radio educational efforts at Sussex Tech H.S.

DARTT Report:

Joe, W3TL reported there was one person taking the test for General this evening and that person was not successful.

ARRL Report:

Frank Filipkowski, reported on the efforts to hold a peninsula wide combined Field Day in Kent County. WG3J is heading these efforts and Dell, K3AXR agreed to make contact for more information.

RACES:

RACES, has ask for support from SARA members for efforts in support of the MCU at this years Pumpkin Chunkin. Anyone interested please contact John S. Ferguson K3PFW

ARES:

Bill Duveneck, Reported on the SET exercise to be conducted on 10/22/2011 More information will be distributed on the ARES Net scheduled for 8:00 PM Thursday 10/20/2011

Past Presidents: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

**Respectfully submitted
Jerry Mullins
KB3TXP**

