

SARA Minutes for April 20, 2011

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

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, KC2OCC, is back home after successful knee surgery. Chuck, W3DEL, is doing well and expects to be back on the links in about three weeks.

Meeting with Jim Bowden: Grass Cutting and Permanent Antenna Installations: Arrangements to service the Dixie Chopper locally are being made. SARA now has reduced responsibility concerning the grass cutting at the Marvel site. Please sign up to cut grass so we can fulfill our responsibility. Also, the decision to NOT place permanent ham antennas at the Marvel site was enacted, the feeling be that they would not be appropriate for the venue. There is no problem with temporary installations for special events such as Field Day, etc.

Millville Fire Dept: Plans for a Public Participation table at their event is scheduled for April 13th. Note: this is a correction to the March minutes where "Millsboro Fire Dept" was incorrectly stated.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: W3FIS read the report and a motion to approve by N3IOD was seconded by KB3TXP and passed by the Members vote.

Secretary's Report: K3LRH mentioned that the March 2011 Minutes are posted on the SARA website. A motion to approve the March Minutes was made by KB3TXP and seconded by KC2OCC. Carried by Members vote.

Hamfest: Herb thanked all for their participation in this year's Hamfest. KB3TXP in particular as Chair person did a spectacular job. A \$1000.00 donation to Sussex Tech was made in the name of SARA. A special award to Joe Hudson for his generosity in supporting the event is planned when Chuck returns. KB3TXP reported that the event was very successful and gave a preliminary financial report. Also thanks to radio station WGMD for their airtime to get the word out about the Hamfest.

Field Day 2011: Dell, Chairperson for the event, reported that this years activities will once again be at the Marvel site, after approval of the Members. Initial thoughts for having the event at Eagle Crest Airport were set aside. A motion to go ahead with the Marvel site was made by K3AXR and seconded by KB3KYH. Member vote approved.

Reports from Committees and Entities:

Repeater: Discussion

Membership: W3TL reported that there are currently 93 Members in SARA and asked the Treasurer that an updated Member List be prepared and circulated to the current Members.

DARTT: Joe, W3TL reported that 5/17 people passed their exams at the Hamfest and that there was a special testing event at the National Guard in Bethany Beach.

ARRL: Frank, AD3M, reiterated that the K3STR repeater is now on line and the antenna is installed on the water tower. Other topics included the changes to the ARRL insurance coverage plan, a Webinar planned for April 27 presented by the ARRL West Gulf Division; discussions about the proposed band plan changes for the 420-450 MHz band; the 2011 ARRL Teachers Institute and the ARRL Atlantic Cabinet Meeting. For detail on these and other topics, please refer to: www.arrl.org/news .

RACES. Jay, reported that the last RACES meeting for this season was the April meeting. There will be a Ham radio demonstration on 5/19 at the Manor House in Seaford. Additionally, 5/12 is 911 Appreciation Day at the EOC in Georgetown and, finally, there is a planned social event for RACES Members scheduled for 6/9 at KB3TXP's house.

ARES: Bill, KB3KYH mentioned the preparedness event last month and thanked all participants. Also, a Red Cross drill is scheduled for June 11th and the Town of Millville may be having Ham License testing, no date specified. Bill solicited Members to participate in the event. May 1st will be the Seashore $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon in Lewes and volunteers are needed to provide communications. Finally, a reminder to check into the ARES 2M net on Thursday evening at 8PM.

Past Presidents Reports: None

New Business/Open Discussion: Joe, KC2OCC reported that the "Legion Riders" from American Legion Post 28 in Millsboro plan to participate in a car and bike show on July 16th. The event showcases a 911 Truck that will be traversing the Delaware Bay from Cape May to Lewes via the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and that Bike Club Members will ride the Truck. It is expected that the event will be huge and there will be press, TV and radio coverage. Joe asked SARA members that are interested to help with communications via H.T. 2M to report the progress of the parade. Three to four Members are needed. Bill, KB3KYH volunteered.

Old Business: None

QSL Cards: Tony, N3ME, reported that all QSL cards are up-to-date.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by K3AXR was seconded by KB3TXP and approved by the Members. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.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 by the end of this month.