

SARA Minutes for August 17, 2011...PENDING APPROVAL

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Call to Order: 7:31 PM

Pledge to Flag

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

President's Comments and Upcoming Events:

Herb, KF3BT, welcomed all and reported that Jerry Fox, KB3IBK, passed his Extra exam tonight. Congratulations Jerry! In other remarks by Herb, the **Grass Cutting** schedule is circulating...please sign-up. The topic of publishing a **Club Roster** was addressed. In view of possible privacy issues, Herb suggested that only public domain info (QRZ) be included in the published roster. Additionally, only dues-paying Members will be listed in the roster. A motion to this effect by Tony, N3ME, was seconded by John, K3JL, and was passed by Members vote. **2012 Hamfest** tentative date: April 27, 2012 (Post meeting note: **April 21st, 2012** was confirmed as the actual date for the Hamfest). Bill, KB3KYH, volunteered to be Chairman for the event. He will need a lot of help from the Members for this to be a successful event. Planning for the Hamfest will be an **agenda item for the September Club meeting.**

Vice President's Report: No additional comments.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul, W3FIS. After reading the report, an initial motion to accept by W3AUS was seconded by Jerry, KB3NZJ, but further discussion was requested by Joe, W3TL. Joe suggested that there seemed to be an issue with the accounting method showing the repeater cost projection. After additional discussion, Herb, KF3BT, suggested that \$4200 be shown as "repeater reserve - amount payable" and the Treasurer's Report be amended to reflect this change. A motion by

W3TL for \$4200 to be shown as "obligated funds" and to be subtracted from the general repeater reserve was seconded by Jerry, KB3NZJ, and passed by Members vote.

Bill, N3IOD, mentioned that the **Audit Committee** did a fine job reviewing the Treasury records and there was some discussion that future Dues go first to the Secretary, then to the Treasurer. Additional, there may be a place for TWO Secretaries, one to handle Member info and one to collect the Dues.

Secretary's Report: K3LRH mentioned that the July minutes are now posted on the SARA web page. A motion to approve by Joe, KC2OCC was seconded by Jerry, KB3NZJ, and passed by the Members' vote.

Reports from Committees and Entities:

Membership: Joe W3TL requested a list of members that have not been participating so he can attempt to reclaim them in the upcoming membership cycle.

DARTT: Joe, W3TL, reported that two tests were administered during the past month. One at his house to a National Guard Member, who passed his Tech Exam and one tonight to Jerry Fox, who passed his Extra.

ARRL: No Report.

RACES. Jerry, KB3NZJ, reported that the first **RACES meeting** of the new season is scheduled for September 8th. The Bethany Beach **triathlon** is scheduled for Sept 24th. A Community Emergency Response Team (**CERT**) meeting at the EOC is planned for this Thursday. A FREE 12 hour training course is planned in the future. (Post meeting note: For more information on how you can participate in community emergency preparedness, visit the Delaware DEMA site: <http://www.delawarecitizencorps.org/links>)

Sussex Tech: No report.

Repeater Committee: John, K3JL, mentioned that twelve options on how to resolve the ongoing repeater interference on the '075 repeater by the AARC have been presented to TMARC and to AARC, with one option being our preferred one. No reply from TMARC or AARC has been received to date. Herb has sent a letter to AARC in an attempt to expedite the corrective action. He also read the letter to the Members. The Repeater committee had a conference call on Sunday to further discuss. Laura Smith of the FCC will be contacted for guidance.

John also mentioned that the **new antennas and feed lines** for the various repeaters are being gathered up and Al, K3TKJ, stepped up and donated two 440 MHz antennas to the cause. Thanks AL! There will be new 7/8" hard line to the new 2M antenna, the old 7/8" HL will be installed on the 440 MHz antenna and the old 1/2" HL will be used on the 220MHz machine.

ARES: Bill, KB3KYH, reminded all the ARES Net is this Thursday at 8 p.m. on the '075 repeater and that the ARES/MARS Drill will need to be re-scheduled.

Past Presidents Reports: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: Al, K3TKJ, mentioned a possible **Multi Club BBQ and swap fest** is in the planning. Sometime around the first Saturday of October. No location has been decided yet. About \$35 from each Club should cover the expense of the food.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by KC2OCC was seconded by W3TRY and approved by the Members. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Hecker, K3LRH
Secretary