

# SARA Minutes for 21 July 2010 (Approved)

**Call to Order:** 7:40 PM

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

## **Pledge to Flag**

**Moment of Silence** for fallen protectors of our country, with special mention of Sgt. Andrew (A.J.) Creighton (U.S. Army, KB3HTO) who was recently killed serving our country in Afghanistan, 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. Jerry, KB3TXP, gave a brief review of the **Field Day** activities, reporting a successful event in very hot conditions. Special recognition of Dell, K3AXR, Field Day Chairman, for a great job. Dell sent his regards from the hospital where he is recovering from double knee replacement surgery. The food was excellent and all had a good time. Additionally, W4ALT reported that Senator Carper was the highest elected official to attend any Field day this year. Bill thanked Bill, W3DR, and all of the **Repeater Committee** for their efforts in setting up the new 2M repeater system. HB494 was passed exempting ham radio operators from the restrictions of **Hands Free Cell Phone Bill**. A special **thank you meeting** is being planned to recognize the efforts of our Legislators in getting this job done. Some form of a **certificate of appreciation** designating "friends of ham radio" is being planned to be awarded to the Legislators. A **Club Picnic** is being considered sometime during the month of September. **Grass Cutting** at the Marvel Museum is working out well. Please sign up for any open weeks so this effort will continue to fulfill our obligation.

**Vice President's Report:** KB3KYH, in for KF3BT, had no report.

**Secretary's Report:** The June Minutes are now posted on the SARA web site. A motion to approve by N3ME was seconded by KB3TXP and affirmed by the Members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul, W3FIS, read the Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve by N3MRM was seconded by KB3NZJ and passed by the Members. Paul is also in the process of reviewing our insurance coverage.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Repeater Committee Report:** W3DR reported that the new repeater needs additional tweaking, but the reports from users are mostly positive. There are still some programming issues to work out and Denny is working on this. There are two new batteries and battery conditioners in the system also. The old repeater remains in place as a back-up machine. There was a question from KB3NZJ regarding a 911 auto patch on the 2M machine. K3JL suggested that a better antenna be obtained for the 400 machine. The question of broad use of the PL tone was brought up...this will be considered at the next club meeting. KB3KYH charged the repeater committee with developing a prioritized improvement plan. Please send any comments to W3DR regarding the new 2M repeater.

**Mentoring:** No Report

**QSL:** Tony, N3ME, thanked all Field Day for their logging participation and also circulated a sample W3PP QSL card that will be sent to those requesting QSLs.

**PIO:** W4ALT reported that the Club got lots of good ink for the Field Day event.

### **External entity reports:**

**ARRL:** Frank, AD3M, mentioned that we should all be conscious of copywrite infringement with regard to logos used for Club purposes, particularly on web pages. Frank also gave a brief review of the genesis of the hands free cell phone bill and recommended that ham radio operators use fixed-mounted mobile rigs after January 1, 2011.

**ARES:** KB3KYH reported that two ARES participation projects are being considered. More on this will follow at a later date.

**RACES Report:** KB3PML mentioned that there will be **FIDigi workshops** on Thursday evenings at the Sussex County EOC in Georgetown and there will also be **open operating nights** on Tuesday evenings.

**DARTT Report:** Joe, W3TL reported that FCC License testing this evening resulted in three out of three examinees passing their exams and therefore qualify for new FCC license levels.

**Sussex Tech Report:** No report.

**Past Presidents' Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** John N3LYF mentioned that the **Rehoboth Art League**, a 501-c3 entity, is looking for communication help from the local Ham community during their sale and show scheduled for the weekends of August 7-8 and Aug 14-15. Hours for these events are 10am to 5pm. Bill KB3KYH asked if the club would be interested in doing this type of event. It was agreed that we would pursue it. N3MRM and KB3KYH volunteered to help.

Motion to adjourn by KB3NZJ was seconded by W3DR and affirmed by the Members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55pm.

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](mailto:K3LRH@ARRL.NET) by the end of June.)

