

3 December 2011 MINUTES

The SARA Ham club met at Bevricks Restaurant 3 Dec 2011 at 0900 after a nice breakfast at 0800. Seventeen (17) members were present, and 3 proxies were on hand. OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 28 MEMBERS!

Minutes of last meeting were on Website. No corrections were mentioned.

Treasurer John Smoyer III KJ4YEK reported treasury balance of \$281.35.

President John, KJ4AMS handed out flyers from CheapHam.com advertising Christmas special price on Wouxun HT with accessories for \$139.95 + shipping and handling. This is a significant discount.

Elections:

Howard West, K4GHW, the nominee for president from the nominating committee announced his regrets apologetically but he was overloaded with other responsibilities presently and could not serve.

The floor was opened for nominations for President with additional nominees declining the nomination. Jim Hill, N4MOC was nominated with several supportive speakers seconding his nomination. He was then elected to President by acclamation of the club.

Vice President's office will be filled by outgoing President John, KJ4AMS, which has become traditional, again by acclamation.

Secretary will be Leon Curry, W4TYM, who has been "acting secretary" while Brian, N1LY, is in school. Again by acclamation he was elected Secretary.

Treasurer John III, KJ4YEK was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Net Manager Andy Cook, WB4AZJ has accepted that appointed position.

Instructor Bob Herz, WN4Q, has agreed to continue his excellent instruction courses.

Next technician class has been set for 10 January 2012 in Vidalia, the second Tuesday evening from 6-9 pm.

Meetings of SARA club:

The meeting for Thursday pm 15 Dec 2011 at Bevricks has been CANCELLED because of Holiday travels and conflicting obligations of members.

The NEXT meeting will be Saturday 0800 on 7 January 2012 at Bevricks for Breakfast 0800 and meeting 0900.

The meeting for 19 January has been CANCELLED. INSTEAD we will meet SATURDAY 21 January 2012 in SWainsboro at the hospital for SKYWATCH program, from 1100 to 1300 hours.

Ron, N4SFU, gave an interesting talk on the Website and how to use it, and passed out forms elucidating our interests, and capabilities, to be used on the Website.

He will email, to us, members username and password so that access to the "Members Only" webpage will be easy.

He also will be changing the PL TONE on the SARA repeater ASAP to prevent intermodulation interference with the N4SFU repeater. Expect an update email about PL tone from Ron along with username and password for MEMBERS ONLY page.

Finally, President John called INCOMING President Jim, N4MOC, to the rostrum and presented him the OFFICIAL GAVEL. Jim's term begins 1 January 2012.

The SARA Ham Club gave a standing ovation to President John for his excellent service as President for the year 2011.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted.

Leon E. Curry, M.D., W4TYM, Secretary