

Minutes of SARA CLUB Meeting of 15 August 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1905 hours (7:05pm) at Bevricks in Metter by Club President, Ron Hill N4SFU. There were 15 members and three visitors present. One visitor expressed a desire to take the Technician Class exam at the Ham Fest on 24 Aug.

The financial report was given by Treasurer, John Smoyer III. SARA Club balance is \$924.99. Ham Fest fund has a balance of \$1142.62.

Minutes of the 3 August meeting were reviewed. The minutes were not read due to secretary not having a copy available. The gists of the minutes were covered as they mostly addressed the upcoming ham fest.

Old Business: Topics from the last meeting were revisited and updated.

- Vendors for the ham fest: Satellite Sam, JMR Sales, AC/DC Electronics, End Fedz Antennas, and Greg Fitcher have confirmed their attendance. There are 15+ tailgaters that have requested reserved spots. Tables for estate sale equipment will be provided if hall space is available.
- Flyers for the ham fest were be sent to 46 amateur radio clubs in GA, with additional flyers to close-in SC, and FL clubs. The ham fest is also being announced on several statewide nets along with our regular SARA nets.
- Expenses incurred from the ham fest account for door prizes and 4H Hall rental. \$50.00 has been deposited on the hall, with an additional \$300.00 due before the fest date. \$200.00 of hall rental will be paid by the club, with the remaining \$100.00 paid by Russ Dees for the kitchen concession. Wrist bands from last year will be used and two part tickets for door prizes will be purchased locally at Wal-Mart. Total expensed for the ham fest is estimated at approximately \$550.00.
- Door prize donations have been received from ARRL - six \$50.00 and \$25.00 gift certificates - and a portable HT from

AC/DC Electronics. Several other prizes have been donated or purchased for door prizes at the Ham Fest.

- There is still a need for a PA sound system. If any member has one that can be used, or has a contact for a PA system, please call Ron Hill or Jim Hill.
- Assembly of volunteers for set up in the 4H Hall is set for 10:00 am on Friday 23 Aug. Volunteers will be needed for set up, tear down, and final clean up of the hall.
- Ron will check with Kurt about availability of tables. There is a back-up plan if Kurt cannot furnish tables again this year. There will be canopies set up for parking lot workers.
- Gates will open at 0800 hours for the Ham Fest. Volunteers should be present and ready to go by 0730.
- Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, children under 13 are admitted free. Tailgaters will only pay the entrance fee of \$5.00.
- Further discussion on the club repeater has been tabled until after the Ham Fest. Ron gave a brief description of the upgraded repeater capabilities and the possibility of an additional repeater to link Metter to the Club repeater.

New Business: At the last meeting, the members voted to keep the SARA Club Web Site. However, cost for the web hosting increased by over %100 with other costs involved. Another web hosting service, with a very significant cost reduction, was selected and approved by the executive committee. KRC Hosting will provide web hosting for \$52.00 for a three year period, vs. over \$200.00 for two years by Just Host. There is a \$10.95 yearly domain fee making the initial cost for the new web site \$72.00 for 3 years with a \$10.95 each year for the domain fee. Ron is working on rebuilding the web site because the structural protocols of the old site are not compatible with the new site. The site is still active as KJ4MKS.COM, but not complete. The club web site is UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Be Patient.

The meeting adjourned at 1955 (7:55pm).

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