

Minutes of SARA Club meeting of 16 May 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Hill (N4FSU) at 1900 hours. Thirteen members were present.

Minutes of 4 May meeting were read and approved.

Financial report: \$955.99 in club account with \$25.00 in dues to be deposited. Ham Fest account has balance of 1142.62.

Old Business:

Net operations - 1st Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours (7:00pm) there will be a local ARES test on the SARA repeater - 146.715 PL 88.5. During this net, simplex operation on 146.520 will be attempted to check communications capability. This net will be followed by the regular SARA 2 meter net at 1930 hours (7:30pm) on the Twin City repeater- 147.000 pl 156.7. Each Thursday evening at 2000 hours (8:00 PM) there will be the area ARES net on the Twin City repeater - 147.000 pl 156.7.

The net of 7 May was a test of net operation with the loss of the main Twin City repeater. The 147.000 repeater was shut down and the net commenced operation on the SARA repeater 146.715. Most of the net participants changed frequencies and reported back on the SARA repeater. After secondary check-in, the net moved back to the 147.000 repeater. This was a good test, with fair results. In case of primary repeater loss, the SARA 2 meter net will move to the alternate SARA repeater 146.715.

Two vendors have committed to attend the Ham Fest - JMR Sales and Greg Fisher. AC/DC Electronics and Radio Solutions have not yet responded. Jim Hill is continuing to contact possible vendors.

Jim Hill (N4MOC) will leave Twin City links on during our area ARES net on Thursday evenings. He suggests members talk up the Ham Fest after net check in to bolster advertising and gin up further interest in the SARA Club nets.

At the 1st Saturday monthly meeting, license examinations will be offered. If anyone is interested in taking a license exam for a new license or an upgrade, contact Ron Hill, Jim Hill or Leon Curry for further information. Email addresses are listed on the SARA Web Site (WWW.KJ4MKS.COM)

New Business:

Club insurance renewal is due. Insurance is on the club repeater for \$5000.00 covering repeater, controller, antennas etc. Cost will be \$70.00/year. Ron Hill will pay for the insurance policy and be reimbursed the \$70.00 by the club treasury. A motion was made, seconded and motion carried to purchase the insurance.

The 1st Saturday meeting of 1 June will be held at Bevricks in Metter, 0800 to eat and 0900 for the meeting. Proposed agenda for this meeting will be to discuss and plan for the August Ham Fest. Items for discussion will be location and acquisition of tables, hall set-up, parking lot arrangements, kitchen staffing and operations (Russ Dees). This is an important meeting with many important items to be ironed out. All members are encouraged to attend.

Presentation:

John Jones Jr. (KK4EZW) presented a program on "Ham Radio: Hobby/Sport/Integration"

The program consisted of a series of YouTube videos demonstrating HF, 2 meter, Maritime Mobile and Aeronautical Mobile ham radio operations. The two educational videos on HF and 2 Meter operations were videos by N7TFP. These two videos were very good and demonstrated proper calling and conversation protocol. Included in his presentation, John had links to Wikipedia for "Q" signal references and ARRL for authorized amateur radio frequency bands.

This was an EXCELLENT PRESENTATION!

The meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.