

## **Minutes of SARA CLUB Meeting of 6 July 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 0910 at Bevricks in Metter by Club President, Ron Hill N4SFU. There were 11 members present.

Minutes of 20 June meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was given by Treasurer, John Smoyer III. SARA Club balance is \$899.99. Ham Fest fund has a balance of \$1142.62.

The club membership was certainly glad to see Dr. Leon Curry (W4TYM) up and about and in attendance after his medical situation last week. It is hard to keep a good man down. We all hope for a full and complete recovery.

### **Old Business:**

- a. The Twin City repeater (147.000) was hit by lightning and was down for a few days. The repeater was repaired by Ron Hill (N4SFU). All costs were covered by Ron and Jim Hill. Many thanks and sincere appreciation goes to Ron and Jim for their generosity and concern for the SARA Club.
- b. The SARA repeater (146.715) upgrade was discussed. Ron Hill gave a summary of up-grade capabilities. An upgrade for the SARA repeater will be held in abeyance.
- c. Details of the Ham Fest set-up and arrangements will be discussed at the next regular SARA Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meeting. There will be no formal presentation so more details of the ham fest can be discussed.

### **New Business:**

- a. On 5 August, at the city council meeting in Swainsboro the ham fest will be brought up for discussion. This is an open meeting, and any club member is invited to attend.
- b. The KJ4MKS web site is due for renewal. Ron Hill reported that the cost for the web site has been increased to approximately \$250.00 for two year hosting. Ron is presently in communications with the web host to have them reconsider and reduce the cost.
- c. There are presently three vendors that have confirmed attending the ham fest. One more vendor (Eagle One

Antennas) has not yet confirmed attendance, but is considering the trip. There are at least six tailgaters that have expressed their desire to attend the ham fest. There may be more as time grows nearer to ham fest day.

- d. The club is expected to have less expense this year; therefore more funds can be used for door prizes. The club will purchase a Kenwood TM-281 radio and a DX-80 Dipole for door prizes. More door prizes will be purchased or donations solicited for the ham fest. More on this subject will be covered at the next meeting.
- e. Scheduled club events that have been postponed i.e. the Family Day and Fox Hunt will be rescheduled for sometime in October.

The meeting adjourned at 0955.

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WB4AZJ Secretary