

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

June 16 2016

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

3 Applicants were present for FCC testing.

- KC3BUI, Vic Gumper, upgraded from General to Extra.
- Peter Helck passed the Technician exam.
- KC3HCY, John Workman, upgraded from Technician to General.

25 members were in attendance.

President Dell Palmer presided, and called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

President's Report – Dell Palmer

Field Day 2016 will be a joint exercise with Lewes Amateur Radio Society (LARS) at 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday (June 25, 2016) and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday (June 26, 2016). The venue will be the Lewes, DE Lifesaving Station near the lightship Overfalls.

Presentation

Vic Gumper, KC3BUI, made a presentation on Hamfest 2017.

The hamfest date is April 22, 2017 (Saturday) at the Cheer Center, Georgetown, DE.

Herb Quick is the Publicity Chairman

Ed Porter is the Chinese Auction Chairman.

Please submit any hamfest activity ideas you may have to Vic.

We need to reach out to non-ham and youth groups.

More emphasis will be placed on publicity.

Raffle items: Fusion radio, generator, and laptop computer.

Setup is Friday, April 21, 2016 from 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

Tailgating will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Doors will open to the public at 8:30 AM.

Free tables to Boy & Girl Scouts are being considered.

Vice President's Report – Chuck Betyeman

The SARA Fox Hunt, originally scheduled for May 14, 2016 was cancelled due to insufficient participation. The new date is September 17, 2016.

This will be the 5th year of the fox hunt. Ten to twelve of the members present expressed interest in participating.

Secretary's Report – Herb Quick

Minutes from the May 19, 2016 meeting were distributed via email and were posted on the website. Herb moved for acceptance of the minutes.

Action: Motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Ray Deskins

The Treasurer's report was distributed to the membership via email.

Ray moved for acceptance of the report.

Action: Motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

FCC Testing – Herb Quick

Sussex Amateur Radio Testing Team (SARTT) is sponsored by SARA. An annual report will be presented to the SARA membership during next month's meeting.

Repeater Committee – John Low

The Millsboro repeater went off-air last Thursday (June 12, 2016) due to a computer glitch with the Kenwood radio and the repeater timers. They were reprogrammed and the system was put back on the air.

The president and members thanked John for his continued work on the repeater.

ARRL – Bill Duveneck

1. Delaware Section Field Day exercises will be held in Lewes, Seaford, and Wilmington. Al Waller's group (PROS) will conduct a neighboring exercise in Maryland. Local elected officials (especially state officials) have been invited to the Delaware events. Legislators need to know what ham radio is about. They need to know about the Amateur Radio Parity Act. Delaware U.S. Senator Coons and U.S. Representative Carney have signed on to the bill. Delaware U.S. Senator Carper has not signed on. Some senators are fighting the Amateur Radio Parity Act. Legislators need to see us at FD 2016 and observe the technology. Delaware State Rep. Steve Smith is scheduled to attend the Lewes event. Delaware State Rep. Dan Short is scheduled to attend the Seaford event.
2. Millville (DE) antenna restrictions were addressed. Draconian legislation drafted by the Millville, DE Town Council highlighted Amateur Radio. ARRL Delaware Section Manager Bill Duveneck sent a copy of the proposed legislation to ARRL legal counsel. A detailed written response was sent by counsel to Millville. Millville reconsidered the legislation. Town Council meant to apply the legislation to commercial cell phone carriers and not to amateur radio. Legislators need to know that we are actively involved in public service support. After Bill's comments on Millville, it was noted that the Millville Town Council requested the assistance of Bill and the ARRL in reviewing future communications related legislation drafts.

ARES – Chuck Betyeman

The ARES meeting for July 2016 will not be held at Sussex Technical High School due to the summer recess. An alternate location will be chosen for this meeting.

RACES – John Ferguson

- Last Thursday (June 12, 2016), three portable antennas were tested.
- RACES will assist at the Ocean City, MD air show.
- There will be a MARS and Amateur Radio exercise on September 22, 2016.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Old Business - None

50/50 Drawing – The \$75.00 prize was won by Rick Garrett

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary