

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

September 21, 2017

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

FCC Testing – 1 new General Class

President Dell Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

President's Report – Dell Palmer

The SARA Fox Hunt will take place on September 30. Participants will meet at Lowe's parking lot in Lewes. There will be a barbecue at Chuck Betyeman's home afterwards.

How to utilize accumulated club funds:

1. **Scholarships** – one at \$500.00 and one at \$750.00 (if money is available). The intent is to rely on the Del Tech faculty to screen the recipients based on the criteria SARA establishes. There was discussion. The motion to offer two scholarships, one in the amount of \$500.00 and one in the amount of \$750.00 was moved, seconded, and passed by vote of the membership.
2. **PA System** – A 1Kw public address system with wireless mics and speaker stands costs approximately \$300 or less. There was discussion. The motion to purchase a public address system in the amount of \$300.00 or less was moved, seconded, and passed by the membership.
3. **EchoLink** – Setup EchoLink on the club repeater instead of the current setup through KB3MJ's home. Further investigation is needed. A computer and internet connection is

required. We have a connection at the Millsboro repeater site. A \$60.00 interface is also required.

- 4. Assist Other Clubs** – Assistance to other Delmarva radio clubs seeking to obtain equipment. The other club would contribute 60% of the funds required for purchase. SARA would add the balance with a \$300.00 maximum per club. Clubs must be ARRL affiliates. The total of all contributions would be \$1000.00 per annum (maximum). There was discussion. The motion was moved, seconded, and passed by a vote of the club membership.

Hamfest Report – Vic Gumper

The Hamfest committee met Tuesday night.

Flyers and vendor applications will be available next week.

Raffle Prizes: 1st prize - Yaesu 991A hf/vhf/uhf, 2nd prize – Computer, 3rd prize – generator, 4th prize – HT.

The Hamfest gets bigger and better. We do need help in producing the event.

Chinese Auction equipment is needed

Corey Sickles (Fusion/Yaesu) now works for Yaesu and will attend the hamfest this year as a Yaesu representative.

2018 Nominating Committee – Dell Palmer

The Nominating Committee for next year's officers will be formed next month. Please think about candidates for next year.

Events – Dell

Winter Field Day is scheduled for the last weekend in January. Details will be worked out.

Speakers – Dell

Ideas are needed for speakers. Please contact Dell.

Secretary's Report - Herb Quick

Minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting were distributed to the membership and posted on the SARA website. The membership moved for acceptance of the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ray Deskins

The Treasurer's report was distributed to the membership. The membership moved for acceptance of the report. Motion approved.

Repeater – John Low

Motion to upgrade the Millsboro and Roxana repeaters at the cost of \$300.00 (repeater) plus \$200.00 (internet connection) per repeater. Total cost: \$1000.00. Moved, seconded, and approved by vote of the SARA membership.

ARES - Chuck Betyeman

- Contact Chuck if you plan to attend the Fox Hunt.
- The Bethany Triathlon and the Dogfish Dash will take place this weekend.
- A General Class license prep course will be held on the weekends of December 2nd and December 9 with FCC testing to follow on the 9th. Location: Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. Time: 9 am to 5 pm. Fee: \$15.00 for course.
- 10 people have signed up already.

Races – John Ferguson

- Apple Scrapple will take place on October 14, 2017.
- See John if you need an antenna or coax cable.

Technician Prep Class – Bill Duveneck

A two day FCC Amateur Technician prep class will be held at Del Tech on the weekend of March 10, 2018. This class will be part of the college curriculum.

Old Business – None

New Business

- Check Google Maps – SARA meeting site location may be incorrect. Herb will investigate.
- Bill Hammond needs a Tuesday night net backup. Dell will send an email re same to membership.
- Herb will check on W2PB's Laurel VE certificate.

50/50 Raffle - \$50.00 awarded to the winner.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary

<u>Regional Nets</u>		<u>Regional Club Meetings</u>	
Sussex Amateur Radio Association	Tuesday, 8:00 PM, 147.090(+), PL 156.7	Sussex Amateur Radio Association	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 PM (6:00 PM Dinner), Sussex Pines Country Club, Georgetown
Sussex County ARES	Wednesday, 8:00 PM, 147.090(+), PL 156.7	Lewes Amateur Radio Association	1 st Wednesday, 12:00 PM, Green Turtle Bar & Grill, Lewes
Lewes Amateur Radio Association	Wednesday, 7:15 PM, 147.330(+), PL 156.7	First State Amateur Radio Association	4 th Thursday, 7:24 PM, Corporation Service Company, Wilmington
Christiana CARES	Tuesday, 8:00 PM (except on meeting nights), 146.730(-), PL 131.8	Kent County Amateur Radio Club	2 nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Kent County EOC, Dover
Kent County ARES	Saturday, 9:00 AM, 146.970(-), PL 77	Nanticoke Amateur Radio Club	3 rd Saturday, 9:00 PM, Nanticoke Hospital, Seaford
Kent County Amateur Radio Club	Wednesday, 7:00 PM, 146.970(-), PL 77	Delaware Repeater Association	2 nd Tuesday in March, June, September, December, 7:00 PM, Public Safety Bldg., New Castle
Nanticoke Amateur Radio Club	Monday, 8:00 PM, 146.715(-), PL 156.7		
Delaware Traffic Net	Monday thru Saturday, 6:30 PM, 3.905 MHz		
Delmarva Emergency Net	Sunday, 6:30 PM, 3.905 MHz		