

## **Minutes of the SARA (Sussex Amateur Radio Association) monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club**

September 21, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 19:00 with 33 in attendance
2. Pledge given to the flag
3. Moment of silence for the fallen protectors to our country, county, community and silent keys
4. **President Report Butch WA0CIE:** Introductions and spoke about tonight's program and up and coming events/activities along with welcoming new members
5. **VP Report Deb AJ3L:** Nothing to add
6. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both reports were accepted and approved by the membership. A new power supply was approved for the repeater
7. **ARRL (Section Manager) John K3PFW:**
  - 7.1. There is an effort to get new hams on the air
  - 7.2. Update on the Apple Scrapple activity on September 14
  - 7.3. Spoke about the MS Bike event on September 7<sup>th</sup> headed up by the New Jersey hams that will be in our area and needing help
  - 7.4. VOTA John Grib KI3B will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE get up with him for a time slot
  - 7.5. January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 is when QST will be going digital as a default, if needing the printed copy there will be an uplifted charge to your membership dues to cover printing and postage. Doing this was a last-ditch effort by the league, no one was happy about it. The cost of shipping and printing has gone insane and every effort was investigated not to have to go down this avenue.
8. **ARES Jim N3XKJ:** Storms coming, check in may have net on, sign up for net control

8.1. 10/14 FEMA operations test around 12 PM

**9. RACES / AUXCOMM Bill N3ID:**

9.1. September 12<sup>th</sup> at the EOC we will have an open house and 911 Appreciation Day

9.2. Hero's and First Responders – We showed the general public about Amateur Radio

9.3. September 14<sup>th</sup> The town of Bridgeville is hosting Apple Scrapple with the MCU attending with much activities.

9.4. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the EOC in Georgetown at 7:30 – except for October

9.5. September 14<sup>th</sup> Hospital setup in Newark

9.6. September 19<sup>th</sup> “The Great Shake Out” Earth Quake (all day), whoever is on the air

**10. Testing Herb W3BW: Two Generals tonight**

**11. Sky Warn Steve KC3DSO:**

11.1. Tropical Depression south of Dover, 2” of rain, high winds along with flooding. Be Prepared and monitor the SARA repeaters.

11.2. Training opportunities coming up

11.3. Spoke about the possibility of 18 storms this time and the need to be prepared.

11.4. Don't need to have formal training but a three-hour online info/course would make understanding things much better for Sky Warn

11.5. Report any bad weather, if a net has not been activated monitor the repeater.

11.6. We need net control operators

**12. Repeater(s) John K3JL: The repeater is on a new power supply and the old one will be repaired and used for backup**

**13. Old Business:** No old Business

**14. New Business:**

14.1. Elections coming up, voting is in November. Takeover is in January. **PLEASE be aware that after many years the President, Treasurer and Secretary will NOT be running again.**

14.1.1.1. **Election is in NOVEMBER**

14.1.2. Dell Palmer needs help if someone can reach out to him

14.1.3. Our Christmas party is going to be held at Grotto's in Milford out on the highway– Please speak to our VP Deb AJ3L with any suggestions or ideas

14.1.4. Delaware section manager voting is coming up

14.1.4.1. John K3PFW and Steve KC3DSO are running

14.1.4.2. Ballots going out in September to ARRL members  
this is a two-year position

**15. Program:** Last minute cancel

**16. 50/50:** \$35 was won by John Hall Gren KC3SPP where he donated almost all back to the club – Thank you Sir!

**17. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 19:59

**18.** Next meeting will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> same time, same location

Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

# \*\*\* Smoke Signals \*\*\*

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## SPOILED DOG TEST

### 1 POINT FOR EVERY STATEMENT THAT APPLIES TO YOU

- Your dog sleeps in bed with you
- Your dog gets birthday presents and special meal
- Your dog gets Christmas gifts
- Your dog is allowed on the sofa
- You won't move if your dog is sleeping /snuggled with you
- You sign cards with your dog's name included
- You cancelled plans because of your dog
- You greet your dog before your partner/spouse





MY WIFE'S  
FEMALE INTUITION IS SO  
HIGHLY DEVELOPED, SHE  
SOMETIMES KNOWS I'M WRONG  
BEFORE I'VE EVEN OPENED  
MY MOUTH

