

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of August 2024 Meeting

Testing at 5:30pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

26 Hams Present

Call to order by President

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

President's Report:

Hurricane are coming to Delaware and our guest speakers will enlighten up on the possibilities for named storms and land falls.

Secretary's Report :

For March meeting develop a membership check-in sheet to speed process and confirm e-mail address and correct prior list. The Gen 2.0 Check-in Sheet is ready for a May try out. We also need badly a Club master calendar to list events for member planning and interest in local radio events. It looks like Google Calendar might be the way to (cheaply) go. I will suggest a trial run in late October and instructions on how to add items to the Calander

Treasurer Report:

Issued via e-mail Club account summary, was taking dues and raffle ticket payments. 50-50 raffle was held.

VE Testing:

No testing this month, the well was dry.

Arrl:

An update on the HOA restrictions relief bill in Congress and information about a Delaware bill if Congress drags it's feet, efforts to link repeaters via C4FM. Applied for \$25000 grant for Windlink upgrades.

Ares:

An appeal for new members for ARES, information is on their web site. 13 April is a local Hospital drill along with the EOC and a call for volunteers for the Bike to the Bay Ride 27 April. This is a good way to get out into the public eye and generate interest in ham radio. See the ARES web page for up to date events.

Auxcomm:

Call for volunteers for the Dewey Beach Race on 14 Sept, suggest that Amateur Radio operators provide valuable public service during a emergency and this is the first use of the Auxcomm/CERT trailer. Cert Trailer on display in Dover for Kent County CERT Team establishment on 14 September, Auxcomm was very busy in September.

Lewis Repeater Appeal:

The Lewis Amateur Radio Club repeater needs a new Antenna and \$1450 to fix it, looking for area clubs help and donations to get back up. No new update on Lewis repeater

Old Business:

Was dealt with with the usual SARA speed and brevity.

Guest Speaker:

We had our resident hurricane expert give us a presentation of the latest models of storm development in the south west Atlantic, that is the birth place of storms in central and north America. Te water is very warm right now and will accelerate development of tropical depressions into storm cells that become hurricans. We also got instruction on the flood plane maps and how to find your residence to access your risk. Both ARES and Auxcomm Reps stress that now is the time to plan and prepare and not when the storm warnings are news items, it may be to late to evacuate.

Next Meeting:

17 Oct 2024 at
Mulligan's Point Golf Club
22426 Susses Pines Road

50-50 Draw

Adjournment