

**Sussex Amateur Radio Association**

**Minutes**

**June 15, 2017**

**Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE**

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

No applicants showed for FCC testing

**President Dell Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence**

**Introductions**

**Field Day** – Del Palmer, K3AXR

This year's ARRL Field Day will be a joint function with Nanticoke ARC and the Funsters. Location will be the Seaford Parks and Recreation building in Seaford, DE.

Setup will be Saturday at 9:00 am.

Operations will take place from 2:00pm - 9:00 pm.

An email with location map is forthcoming from Dell Palmer. A headcount of participants is needed.

**Hamfest 2016** – Per Vic Gumper, it is suggested that a \$300.00 donation be sent to the participating Boy Scouts, and a \$150.00 donation be sent to the participating JROTC.

A motion for same was moved, seconded and approved.

## **Presentation** – Pat Ryan, KW3Z

Topic: “Packet Radio/RMS for Emergency Communication”

Packet is in each Delaware hospital. It is ideal for accurate information with no error.

Winlink 2000 is a global system, and can be obtained free of charge. Radio waves can be used when the internet does not work. The system is in use by federal, state, and other structures.

This error free, interoperable system can attach files and lists.

RMS= Radio Message Server (see handout #1: “Sussex County RMS Nodes”).

Hams, MARS, and emergency use.

## **Systems**

1. Client Systems are typical for home use.
2. RMS (Radio Message Server) is placed in the served area.
3. Common Messaging System is located around the world.

Hospitals are using Pactor 1, 2, &3.

See handout #2: “Winlink/Winmor”.

Winlink is connected via VHF/UHF to the local RMS.

Winmor is connected via HF to a regional RMS or worked direct.

RMS Express software is available in both “Free” and “Preferred” versions. Setup videos are also available in the internet.

Demonstration: Packet at 1200 baud on 145.050 MHz (K3STR) to Nanticoke Hospital.

Other modes: Telnet, Winmor, and Pactor.

## **Secretary’s Report** - Herb Quick

Minutes of the May 18, 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.

**Past President** – Chuck Betyeman No report

**Repeater** – John Low

A repeater glitch was attended to at the .090 repeater site and require a reset. The repeater is functioning normally now.

**ARRL** – Bill Duveneck

1. Volunteer Program for Relay, Official Observer, and Emergency Stations: Bill Hammond, N3IOD, received a certificate from ARRL Delaware Section Manager Bill Duveneck for his service as an Official Relay Station, Official Observer, and Official Emergency Station. N3IOD is officially registered for same.
2. Amateur Radio Parity Act: The League is working hard through lobbyists. The legislation may not pass during this federal legislative session.
3. Statewide Repeater Linking: Check in on the Roxana or Seaford repeaters to check in during linked nets.

**Hamfest 2017 Report** – Bill Duveneck for Vic Gumper

1. \$4000.00 net income, 450 attendees (and increase over prior years, with 303 paid attendees).
2. Thank you to all participants.

**ARES** – Chuck Betyeman

1. ARES Net next Wednesday.
2. Help is needed for two events in September.
- 3.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** - None

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary