

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

February 16, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 18:57
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:** MIA
5. **VP Report Deb AJ3L:** Sitting in the big chair. "What the buttons and knobs on the radios are for" is our subject for tonight
6. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both were accepted and approved by the membership
7. **Testing Herb W3BW:** One new general tonight, last year we added 15 Techs and 3 generals.
8. **ARRL John K3PFW:**
 - 8.1. Getting active, practicing and doing it – is the operative words
 - 8.2. ARES – You should join and be a part of it
9. **ARES Jim N3XKJ:**
 - 9.1. We had our first in person meeting and it was also zoomed for those who could not attend in person. It went very well and there was over 20 in attendance
 - 9.2. Meets at Sussex Tech
 - 9.3. Ocean to Bay Bike Ride – April 28th, contact Jim if you want to help or ask questions
10. **RACES / AUXCOMM Bill N3ID:**
 - 10.1. April 16th Coastal Delaware Day (CoDel), we will be needing volunteers because this is the same day as our Hamfest. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
11. **Sky Warn: Steve KC3DSO:**

- 11.1. Going to be training on zoom and exercises
- 11.2. Hospitals are ready to go
- 11.3. March will be quarterly training, preparing for hurricane season
- 12. Old Business:** No old Business
- 13. Hamfest:** We need people and surplus equipment, 25% of the tables have been sold, its April 15th
- 14. Repeater(s) John K3JL:** “Everything is up and running”
- 15. New Business:**
- 16. Program:** Gary Desler AA7YO – Spoke about basic HF operation, Techs can do SSB on 10 meters! Gary covered a wide range of topics from radio operation, the knobs, modes and such. It was quite a program – If you weren’t there you missed it!
- 17. 50/50:** \$35 was won by Ray WB3GNO. Per Donna KC3IHV “Not only is he a good dresser, gentleman he’s also got money” AKA Donnas Sweethart
- 18. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 20:50
- 19.** Next meeting will be on March 16th same time, same location

Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

*** Smoke Signals ***



Pre Balloon

He calls this work