

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

May 19, 2016

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

0 Applicants were present for FCC testing.

Approximately 15 members were in attendance. (Some of the membership were attending the Dayton (OH) Hamfest.

President Dell Palmer presided, and called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

President's Report – Dell Palmer

A check in the amount of \$1500.00 was presented to Dennis Smith, K3DJS, representing Sussex Technical High School and Amateur Radio Club Station K3STR (Sussex Tech).

Photos of the check presentation to Dennis Smith and to Jimmy Neeley, KC3EAD, a Sussex Tech student and member of club station K3STR, were taken separately.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Joe Hudson for his continued support of the Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics EXPO.

Photos of the presentation were taken.

Presentation

Guest speaker, Chet Thayer, WA3I, gave a presentation entitled "Remote Ham Radio – The Next Generation".

An article on same was cited: *QST Magazine*, October 2014, page 53.

Remote Ham Radio is a paid service allowing licensed ham radio operators access to upscale, remote radios via PCs with Google Chrome browsers.

Operators can use SSB, CW, and digital modes.

Two videos on this subject are available on You Tube:

Remote Radio Video/Demo

W2RE Drone Flyby

Annual cost:

\$99/year plus \$.09 to \$.49/minute (depending on station used)

Premium pricing is \$900+/year plus per minute charge

Advantages of Remote Ham Radio:

- One can operate the lower priced stations from nearly anywhere.
- It is a viable alternative for various living conditions.
- The service can help with DXCC

Disadvantages of Remote Ham Radio:

- Cost per minute (log-on to log-off time)
- The RHR concept is not for everyone
- There are no hams in some DXCC countries
- There are no Remote Ham Radio or Premium Ham Radio stations located in Delaware

Email Dell Palmer at K3AXR@arrl.net for a copy of the presentation.

Vice President's Report – Chuck Betyeman

The SARA Fox Hunt, originally scheduled for May 14, 2016 was cancelled due to insufficient participation. The event will be rescheduled at a date to be determined.

Secretary's Report – Herb Quick

Minutes from the April 21, 2016 meeting were distributed via email and will be posted on the website. Herb moved for acceptance of the minutes.

Action: Motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Ray Deskins

The Treasurer's report was distributed to the membership via email.

Ray moved for acceptance of the report.

Action: Motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

FCC Testing - Herb Quick

0 applicants sat for tests tonight.

Hamfest Testing (April 16, 2016)

- Nine (9) tests were administered
- Four (4) passes, five (5) failures
- One (1) new Technician, Three (3) new Generals

Repeater Committee – John Low

The antenna of the 147.015 MHz repeater was modified.

EchoLink will be set up on the 147.090 MHz repeater.

ARES – Chuck Betyeman

The Masser 5 Mile event will be held on May 29, 2016. Additional hams are needed for communications assignments. Contact Chuck if you are interested in participating.

RACES – John Ferguson

No report.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Old Business - None

50/50 Drawing - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary