

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

January 19, 2017

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

FCC Testing: One new Extra, David Wright, KD2IRA, and one new Tech, Michael Burget.

26 People were in attendance.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Presentation

Tonight's topic is Nor'easters, presented by Patrick Ryan, KW3Z.

Nor'easters and hurricanes differ in how they are spawned. Hurricanes are generated by warm water, where nor'easters are generated by the collision of warm and cold weather fronts.

Formation characteristics of nor'easters: storms formed over land are weaker than those formed over water. A bomb cyclone is a ferocious storm formed by a rapid pressure drop.

A class 1 storm is weak, and a class 5 storm is extreme.

Dangers of nor'easters: Storm conditions, high tides and flooding, impassable escape routes, destruction of real estate.

The 1962 storm here in Delmarva was a good example of storm dangers.

There are typically eight to ten winter storms per year in Delmarva.

Fema.gov has a good prep booklet for winter storms.

Wayne Brittingham, N3UFG, discussed his experience as a National Guardsman during 1954 (Hazel) during which water levels rose rapidly.

Vice President's Report – Vic Gumper

Vendors are needed for the hamfest.

The next meeting is February 15, 2017 at Arena's (Georgetown Airport)

Hamfest raffles are \$10.00 for a book of 5 raffles, or \$3.00 per individual raffle.

Secretary's Report – Herb Quick

Minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting were distributed via email and were posted on the website.

Action: Motion was moved, seconded, and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report – None

Repeater Committee – John Low

The RMS system is up and the digipeater is working.

ARES – No report

ARRL – No report

RACES – John Ferguson

The next RACES meeting will be held on February 9, 2017. Debbie Jones will present the SEND protocol at the meeting.

PIO - None

Old Business – None

New Business - None

50/50 Drawing – Drawing was held.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary