

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

July 19, 2018

Mulligan's Point C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

FCC Testing – 0 Applicants

Vice President Vic Gumper called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Presentation

Chad Thayer gave a presentation on "CW – What's In It For Me?"

International Morse Code is no longer a requirement for Amateur Radio. The military no longer needs a cadre of trained radio operators.

Why learn code? Motivation, modest station requirements.

Chad discussed types of equipment for CW operations, CW conventions (shorthand such as Q codes, etc.)

Where to find slow code on air.

Downloadable code courses can be found on K7QO.net.

CW is the original digital mode.

VP Report - None

Secretary's Report – Herb Quick

Minutes of the June 21, 2018 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

The June Treasurer's report was distributed to the membership. The membership moved for acceptance of the report. Motion approved.

Repeater – John Low

Minor changes were made to the Roxana repeater. The squelch tail was adjusted.

Hamfest – Vic Gumper

The first meeting for the 2019 hamfest will be held in September. The hamfest date is April 27, 2019.

RACES – John Ferguson

The next meeting is August 9, 2018.

An open operating event is upcoming.

ARRL Field Day – Paul Ross

We had a great event. The first day was held at Seaford Parks & Rec. The second day was held at Trap Pond. A GOTA station was used. All documents were sent in to ARRL.

Old Business – The September meeting will be a business meeting.

50/50 - \$41.00 went to the winner.

Next meeting: August 16, 2018

Motion to Adjourn – Moved, seconded, and passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary