

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

April 20, 2017

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

No FCC testing tonight due to hamfest session on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Presentation – Pat Ryan, KW3Z discussed the Delaware QSO Party. This will be a county-wide venture of SARA, Lewes, Nanticoke ARC, and the Funsters.

QSO Party will be a one day event at Woodland Ferry. All is preliminary at this time.

Captain Parris Mancuso, a fellow ham, will give free rides on the ferry.

We will use the property of Don Martin again. There are two locations on the property.

Project coordinators are needed from the four groups.

Presentation – Paul Beeman, W2PB (GSBARC) – Activation of Presidential Park/White House DZ-10.

Discussed activation of Presidential Park, Washington, DC, by Great South Bay (Long Island) ARC. There are 150+ members in the club.

Security/Secret Service was tight. All GSBARC members had to wear the same caps and T shirts.

Rules: Antenna height 8ft.

No ground stakes.

No vehicles on the property.

Caution tape on all cables.

Constant security by Secret Service.

Station consisted of 2 HF and 1 portable satellite setups.

SSB voice operator wore pink headphones so you'd always know who was operating on voice.

Marine One came through, and the ops had to hold down the four corners of the canopy.

Some of the security staff were hams.

Professionalism and adherence to regulations were extremely important.

A video of the operation was shown.

GSBARC made 1200 contacts in 2 days.

DZ-10 has been activated twice.

Hamfest – Vic Gumper

Setup will be on Friday for Saturday startup.

We are expecting a lot of people.

ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher will be the Keynote speaker.

Please park on the North side of the apartments.

Helpers: Please arrive at Cheer Center by 6:30 am on Saturday.

Additional manpower was discussed.

ARES – Denny Karol

Two more operators are needed for the Ocean to Bay bike event.

Contact Dell Palmer or Chuck Betyeman for additional information if you'd like to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary