

Minutes for: Sussex Amateur Radio Association Meeting

Date: JULY 18, 2024 Time: 1830

Meeting was held at Mulligan's Pointe Country Club, Georgetown, DE. .

NR3P Paul Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm welcoming those present. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. And then attendees introduced themselves.

NR3P thanked everyone for coming and then provided information about SARA badges.

Delaware Section Emergency Coordinator, Wendy Horne. W3NRN was introduced. W3NRN advised there is a new ARES taskbook and two of the Emergency radio classes have been revised. There is a need statewide to find new recruits.

N3XKJ, Jim Baker, gave the Sussex County ARES report. There was a Skywarn exercise at the end of June that went very well. When Skywarn goes in effect (147.090) participate and provide information. Report what you see and the Skywarn coordinator can relay the information to NOAA. Operators do not need Skywarn training to participate. In an emergency listen to 147.090 for instructions. The Statewide Section Emergency Test will be October 26, 2024.

NR3P then presented an ARRL video of the history of Amateur Radio. Comments and discussion followed.

Discussion regarding the need for new younger recruits ensued. There is a need for activity on the repeater. Possibly a morning discussion round table of people on their way to work. The Youth Committee is discussing ways to attract younger members. It was noted that Kent County works with the Boy Scouts quite a bit and there is a Youth Leader, Chris Cote who could be an asset.

The Fox Hunt is still on the books with a picnic to follow at Trap Pond. NR3P put out sign up sheets for volunteers to work on Fox Hunt, Picnic, and Antenna building for the directional antenna for the fox hunt.

John Low (K3JL) thanked Don (W3DCS) for his help with the air conditioner at the repeater site. There was a 3 hour power outage at the site on July 17.

Herb Quick (W3BQ) reported on testing and identified Sean Erickson (KC3ZMK) as new technician. Herb also recommended "radio sports" as a way to entice younger members.

AUXCOMM report by John Ferguson(K3PFW): August 14th is the Dewey Sprint Triathlon. Contact WS3EOC@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating. Sept 21 activity will be two-county event probably involving "Billy Bob" instructions. Register ahead of time! A donor has provided a \$25 gift certificate to be presented to the winner. Hurricane season is predicted to be 'wild'. Get ready NOW.

Membership chairman, Bob Trepp (WB3AJF) offered anyone who has not completed the interest survey a copy to complete and return to him.

Pete Carpenter (KC3MVS) demonstrated the Ham dashboard... a free program to display 12 monitoring websites that are of value to ham radio operators.

50-50 drawing was won by Marty KB2JSG. Totals pot was \$50 so he won \$25.00. Marty has won 3 out of the last 5 (so if you go to Harrington take Him with you). Also he donated 2 of the 3 back to the club.

Twenty-five people attended the meeting.

Ended at 8:10 pm

Submitted by Barbara Dean on behalf of Paul Rieger (KC3OIN) Secretary.