

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes

July 20, 2017

Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

No applicants showed for FCC testing

18 In attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Presentation – Jon Zaimes, AA1K

Topic: Contesting

Jon started contesting in 1964. He is a member of the Frankford Contest Club. His shack is attached to 7 towers with a variety of antennas, both wires and stacked beams.

Contesting is a radiosport/competition, and it should be fun.

When contesting, hams should maintain a reliable station, choose a level of competition, read the rules, set goals, and expect the unexpected.

Contest Planning: Balance contesting with family life. Mark your calendar, schedule time off, and let everyone know you will be unavailable during that time. Test all of your equipment in advance. Have a band plan. Get extra sleep a week prior to the contest. Check prior scores and use propagation prediction programs to set your plan. Strategize.

Resources: This presentation is on AA1K.us

President's Report – None

Vice President's Report - None

Secretary's Report - Herb Quick

Minutes of the June 15, 2017 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 – Ray Deskins

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

Testing – Herb Quick

- SARTT 2016/2017 Annual Report: During the past 12 months, SARTT held 14 scheduled sessions, received 49 applicants. Passed: 17 Techs, 14 Generals, and 5 Extras (Total new hams: 36). Pass rate 75%. Thanks to SARA for its support of SARTT and thanks to all who've served on the VE team.
- Since the hamfest, SARTT has been using a laptop and printer at the test sites for Laurel VEC test administration. Herb requested funding for a SARA owned computer printer for use at test sessions.

Action: Motion to purchase a wireless computer printer and a tote for same, total cost not to exceed \$250.00. Motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

Hamfest 2018 – Vic Gumper

Hamfest date is April 21, 2018.

The next hamfest meeting will be in September.

Repeater – John Low

Adjustments have been made to the repeaters. The Delaware Fusion Net links from Virginia Beach to Northern Delaware. The repeaters are generally working well.

ARRL – Vic Gumper

Bill Duveneck is running for Delaware Section Manager again. Please sign the nomination form at the head table.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

50/50 Raffle - \$40.00 awarded to the winner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary