

**Sussex Amateur Radio Association**

**Minutes**

**October 20, 2016**

**Sussex Pines C.C., Georgetown, DE**

Meals were served prior to the meeting.

FCC Testing: Two (2) new Techs – Anthony Kline & Cameron Thrasher

21 members were in attendance.

**Vice President Chuck Betyeman presided, and called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence**

**Introductions**

**Presentation**

The scheduled presentation could not be shown due to the lack of availability of a computer projector. Instead, some of those present spoke on “How I got Started In Ham Radio”.

There were lots of good individual stories and many seasoned hams in SARA.

Vic Gumper spoke briefly on SARA badges. Those interested in obtaining a SARA badge were asked to sign up on a sheet at the head table.

**November Election of SARA Officers**

The SARA Nominating Committee consists of Chuck Betyeman, Jamie Ashton, and “Spence” Spencer.

Contact one of the three regarding nominations for 2017 officers.

**Vice President's Report**

None

**Secretary's Report** – Herb Quick

Minutes from the September 15, 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** – Ray Deskins

The Treasurer's report for July was distributed to the membership via email.

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

**Repeater Committee** – John Low

Recent repeater interference caused cancellation of a Tuesday net. There was a locked transmitter button at an amateur's QTH, and the problem was corrected.

**Hamfest** – Vic Gumper

Flyers were printed. The next print run will have some minor changes.

The next hamfest meeting will be held at Arena's (Georgetown Airport) on November 16, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Please sign up if you wish to serve on the Hamfest Committee.

**ARRL** – Bill Duveneck

1. Some with AOL email accounts are not receiving emails. The ARRL is working on the problem. It is suggested that those affected consider setting up alternate email accounts.
2. **SET 2016** – 74 amateurs participated statewide. The section score was higher than last year. One of the objectives was increased participation.

**ARES** – Chuck Betyeman

1. An exercise will be conducted at Beebe Hospital on Saturday. The scenario is a local simulated disaster. Six to seven people will be involved.
2. A Technician license weekend will be conducted on the first or second weekend of December 2016.

**RACES** – Jay Rutherford

1. 24 amateurs participated in Apple Scapple (Bridgeville).
2. Punkin Chunkin is the next event. Hams are needed to serve in shifts.
3. Rehoboth Marathon is scheduled for December 3, 2016. Amateurs are needed to serve.

**PIO** - None

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

1. Consideration of a SARA News Group (Google) to coordinate activities and club information. Ed Porter will set up the news group. He will also moderate and send out invitations. Put this on the November agenda for a brief discussion. Ray Deskins will provide email addresses to Ed.
2. What are the members thoughts on what the club can do for members?

**50/50 Drawing** – \$40.00 to the winner (Jim).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Quick, KF3BT

Secretary