

Minutes of the SARA (Sussex Amateur Radio Association) monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club

September 21, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 19:00 with 33 in attendance
2. Pledge given to the flag
3. Moment of silence for the fallen protectors to our country, county, community and silent keys
4. **President Report Butch WA0CIE:** Introductions and spoke about tonight's program and up and coming events/activities along with welcoming new members
5. **VP Report Deb AJ3L:** Nothing to add
6. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both reports were accepted and approved by the membership. A new power supply was approved for the repeater
7. **ARRL (Section Manager) John K3PFW:**
 - 7.1. There is an effort to get new hams on the air
 - 7.2. Update on the Apple Scrapple activity on September 14
 - 7.3. Spoke about the MS Bike event on September 7th headed up by the New Jersey hams that will be in our area and needing help
 - 7.4. VOTA John Grib KI3B will be on November 29th. PLEASE get up with him for a time slot
 - 7.5. January 1st 2024 is when QST will be going digital as a default, if needing the printed copy there will be an uplifted charge to your membership dues to cover printing and postage. Doing this was a last-ditch effort by the league, no one was happy about it. The cost of shipping and printing has gone insane and every effort was investigated not to have to go down this avenue.
8. **ARES Jim N3XKJ:** Storm(s) are coming; please monitor the SARA repeater and other repeaters for a possible ARES Net activation.

Checking in or just announcing that you are monitoring is a good avenue to let others know your OK. Your never alone with Amateur Radio!

8.1. There is a need for net control operators and this is something you can do from the comfort of home. ALL of us have made booboos no matter how much experience you have, please don't let this prevent you for getting involved and making a difference.

8.2. On September 14th there is FEMA operations test around 12:00 EST

9. RACES / AUXCOMM Bill N3ID:

9.1. September 12th at the EOC we will have an open house and 911 Appreciation Day

9.2. Hero's and First Responders – We showed the general public about Amateur Radio

9.3. September 14th The town of Bridgeville is hosting Apple Scrapple with the MCU attending with much activities.

9.4. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the EOC in Georgetown at 7:30 – except for October

9.5. September 14th Hospital setup in Newark

9.6. September 19th "The Great Shake Out" Earth Quake (all day), whoever is on the air

10. Testing Herb W3BW: Two Generals tonight

11. Sky Warn Steve KC3DSO:

11.1. Tropical Depression south of Dover, 2" of rain, high winds along with flooding. Be Prepared and monitor the SARA repeaters.

11.2. Training opportunities coming up

- 11.3. Spoke about the possibility of 18 storms this time and the need to be prepared.
- 11.4. Don't need to have formal training but a three-hour online info/course would make understanding things much better for Sky Warn
- 11.5. Report any bad weather, if a net has not been activated monitor the repeater.
- 11.6. We need net control operators
- 12. Repeater(s) John K3JL:** The repeater is on a new power supply and the old one will be repaired and used for backup
- 13. Old Business:** No old Business
- 14. New Business:**
 - 14.1. Elections coming up, voting is in November. Takeover is in January. **PLEASE be aware that after many years the President, Treasurer and Secretary will NOT be running again.**
 - 14.1.1.1. **Election is in NOVEMBER**
 - 14.1.2. Dell Palmer needs help if someone can reach out to him
 - 14.1.3. Our Christmas party is going to be held at Grotto's in Milford out on the highway– Please speak to our VP Deb AJ3L with any suggestions or ideas
 - 14.1.4. Delaware section manager voting is coming up
 - 14.1.4.1. John K3PFW and Steve KC3DSO are running
 - 14.1.4.2. Ballots going out in September to ARRL members
this is a two-year position
- 15. Program:** Last minute cancel
- 16. 50/50:** \$35 was won by John Hall Gren KC3SPP where he donated almost all back to the club – Thank you Sir!
- 17. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 19:59

18. Next meeting will be on October 19th same time, same location

Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

*** Smoke Signals ***



SPOILED DOG TEST

1 POINT FOR EVERY STATEMENT THAT APPLIES TO YOU

- Your dog sleeps in bed with you
- Your dog gets birthday presents and special meal
- Your dog gets Christmas gifts
- Your dog is allowed on the sofa
- You won't move if your dog is sleeping /snuggled with you
- You sign cards with your dog's name included
- You cancelled plans because of your dog
- You greet your dog before your partner/spouse



MY WIFE'S
FEMALE INTUITION IS SO
HIGHLY DEVELOPED, SHE
SOMETIMES KNOWS I'M WRONG
BEFORE I'VE EVEN OPENED
MY MOUTH

