

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

October 20, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 19:11
2. Pledge given to the flag
3. Moment of silence for the fallen protectors to our country, county, community and silent keys
4. President Butch WA0CIE directing the introductions, welcoming guests and the meeting with a total of 27 in attendance.
5. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both were accepted and approved by the membership
  - 5.1. Per Stuart KC3MAL "We still have money"
6. **ARRL:** John K3PFW:
  - 6.1. Spoke about the storm, how wide it was.
  - 6.2. Best sources for information is 'The Weather Channel'
  - 6.3. There is a new state wide sheltering program to handle the shelters, they are unaware how amateurs operate. It is new and untested. Per Bill N3ID 'If it hasn't been tested, it won't work'
  - 6.4. Sussex county has several designated shelters locations
  - 6.5. Spoke about the SET (Saturday October 22/2022 8-12), each county is doing something different, possible shelter operators, assisting in transporting staff at the hospitals are just some of the activity's hams have participated in the past
  - 6.6. 'Not knowing what repeaters are/will be working this will be a good time to have all the frequency's programed into your radios, some don't have generators!'
7. **Repeater Report:** K3JL John "Everything seems to be working OK"
  - 7.1. 090 has generator backup
8. **ARES** Jim N3XKJ: Spoke about the Zoom meeting and the net on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 on 090

- 8.1. Spoke about getting Beebe Hospital back up and getting equipment together, Steven, Ray and Jim were in attendance.
- 8.1.1. Looking for dedicated team members for the hospitals and will be needing badges and training beforehand.
- 8.2. Steven KC3DSO spoke about the surgical center antenna issues and interference, they love having us there. Again, we are looking for volunteers

**9. RACES / AUXCOMM: N3ID Bill**

- 9.1. Apple Scrapple in Bridgeville went well and was a beautiful day, lost adults and children
- 9.2. Looking at doing a few different things for the Pop-up in December

**10. Steven KC3DSO will be heading up the Storm Net (Sky Warn)**

- 10.1. Looking for volunteers, training is online now (takes about one hour and 15 minutes.) Once passing you will be issued a spotter ID. Contact Stevens for more information. We are looking for net control stations, training will be provided.

**11. Old Business: No old Business**

**12. VP Report: KB3LGE Barbara: Has all the paperwork ready to apply for the grant(s). Series of classes for new hams that need help/exposure/support due to being sequestered from COVID-19**

- 12.1. Grottos in Millsboro is a possible location for our Christmas dinner location
- 12.2. Election committee, little confusion of committee members other than Ray WB3GNO. Per Barbara Butch has decided to run again, Stuart will run again, Donna will run again, I will “NOT” run again and Debbie AJ3L will be running for the VP position.
- 12.3. If anyone has a burning desire for a position let Ray or Stuart know

**13. New business: Next SARA Meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**14. Testing:** Herb W3BQ:

**15. Program:** N3ID Bill “WinLink”

15.1. Spoke about toolboxes (toolboxes have more than one tool in them), we have many different ways to communicate. Bill spoke about how to download and how it is much like our old dialup. A full live demonstration on how messages are created and sent, hookup to your rigs and so much more

**16. 50/50:** \$105 was taken in. It was won by Ed KE3E

**17.** Next meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> same time, same location

**18. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 20:23

**19. FYI:** SARA’s fusion room number is 81970

Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV/l

**\*\*\* Smoke Signals \*\*\***



When your future grandkids start complaining about their day and you hit them with another 2020 story



# **FAMOUS TOPICS IN ART HISTORY:**



## **HERCULES ATTEMPTING TO GIVE HIS CAT A PILL**

This is for Stuart KC3MAL