

**Minutes for Sussex Amateur Radio Association**  
**April 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by President, Paul Ross(N3RP)

N3RP gave an update on the status of the LARS repeater in Lewes which has been and still is out of order. The Lewes club is in the process of reviving itself and several operators who are member of Lewes Amateur Radio Society were present for the meeting.

Jamie Ashton, W3UC, gave an update of the status of the upcoming Delaware Hamfest. He asked for additional volunteers and reported that we were sold out of space for the event. He reported that he had ordered good weather and expected the tailgating to be iffy because of the possibility of rain.

Our speaker for the evening was Keith Hertzog, WU3X. He present valuable information regarding types of cabling and connectors... which good and which to avoid. He discussed when to use which cabling based on distance, etc. He passed examples of different cables and connectors around the room.

At 7:50 Herb Quick, W3BQ, provided information about the Noon testing session coming on Saturday, April 24, 2024.

7:55 Dick Tormet (N8YSK) reported on the status of the Spark exhibit now complete at the Canon Ball House in Lewes. The grand opening ceremony will be May 17<sup>th</sup>. With free admission on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will set up a special event station between 10am and 4pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> most likely in the rear garden. NR3P said he will try to obtain a special event call for the event.

The President raised the question of cost of membership being reduced to \$10 at Hamfest on Saturday. After discussion, a motion was proposed by Larry Roll, K3LT, and seconded by N3RP, that the price for new membership on April 20, 2024,

Another motion was proposed by Barbara Dean, KC3LGE, that the SARA club reimburse John Low for costs incurred to provide an antenna for the LARS repeater. The repeater is a valuable asset and provides coverage for the Eastern side of the county. The payment also fulfills a mission of the club which is to provide and maintain repeaters. In addition it fulfills our IRS requirement to use funds for a charitable cause. Denny Karol (KB3MJ) amended the motion to include that ownership of the antenna was by LARS. The motion was made and seconded. The proposal passed and the treasurer is requested to reimburse approximately \$1150 to provide the antenna.

A D-Star repeater has been donated to LARS by Carl Davis, KB1JEHJ.

The 50/50 drawing resulted in Don Smith winning \$21.50. He donated the prize back to the SARA Club.

Meeting was dismissed at 2030.

Attendees: 30

There was no VE testing at the meeting this month. That will be held at the Hamfest, April 20, at the Georgetown Cheer Center.