

## **Minutes of the SARA Repeater Association monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club**

March 17th, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 19:10
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 30 in attendance.
5. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both were accepted and approved by the membership
6. **President Report:** Butch WA0CIE: Spoke to DEREK and spoke about what we do at the parks
7. **Testing:** Herb KF3BT - No Testing tonight, next testing will be at the Hamfest. April or March there will be new Tech questions
8. **Repeater Report:** K3JL John Everything is ok
9. **Vice President Report:** Thinking about having a class on Fusion – any interest?
10. **New Repeater:** 443.200 / pl 156.7 get on it and test out. It's our Emergency repeater for Sussex County.
11. **Hamfest:** W3UC Jamie - April 23, 2022. Lots of great prizes, buy your raffle tickets, lots of goodies, Still needing volunteers.
  - 11.1. Barbara KC3LGE is doing the advertising booklet if you wish to advertise.
  - 11.2. Anyone who has a golfcart please see Jamie
  - 11.3. Front is for handicap parking, tailgaters and VIP (speakers)
  - 11.4. Stuart KC3MAL spoke about the raffle tickets and giving a choice of either a HF radio or gift certificate for the amount of \$650 at HRO for the main prize along with a \$350, \$200 and \$50 gift certificates at HRO also

- 12. ARRL:** Acting Section Manager Joe Grib spoke that grants will become alible in April, can't purchase equipment with the grant money(s)
  - 12.1. Up to \$25K
  - 12.2. For major projects
  - 12.3. More information will be out in May
  - 12.4. Working on Ham Radio in schools, will be needing mentors after they get their licenses.
- 13. ARES Report:** Jim N3XKJ: April 30<sup>th</sup> is Bike to The Bay
  - 13.1. Bethany Beach Fire chief doesn't want anything to do with amateur radio but someone else will get us in the upstairs to work the event.
- 14. RACES Report / AUXCOMM:** John K3PFW
  - 14.1. The AuxComm meetings on April 21<sup>st</sup> is for the time being will be held at State Police Troop 7 on route 24 on the second Thursday of each month at 19:30
    - 14.1.1. CODEL (COstal DELaware marathon) is on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Hamfest
    - 14.1.2. Options are being considered for field day on June 25&26
    - 14.1.3. New repeater 443.200 +5 with a PL of 156.7
    - 14.1.4. December 5<sup>th</sup> - Rehoboth Marathon
- 15. Old Business:** None
- 16. New business:**
  - 16.1. Next month we will be speaking about the Hamfest
- 17. 50/50** was won by Jim N3XKY for the amount of \$47
- 18.**
- 19. Program:** John K3PFW: 'Go Kits Revisited'
  - 19.1. What do you have in your bag?
  - 19.2. Go Kits are a work in progress

19.3. For Deployments:

- 19.3.1. What do you have when you need it?
- 19.3.2. Every Emergency is different, there is always something that you wish you had
- 19.3.3. Consider what you can take and carry
- 19.3.4. Be FLEXABLE and ADAPTIBLE!
- 19.3.5. What is the mission?
- 19.3.6. What radios are needed and consider operational length of time of operation
- 19.3.7. FAMILY FIRST!
- 19.3.8. Are you ready for and assignment?
  - 19.3.8.1. Mentally & physically?
  - 19.3.8.2. Trained? Equipment and supplies in one place?
  - 19.3.8.3. Medications, Food, water and snacks – don't assume anything will be there where you are going!
  - 19.3.8.4. Reflective vest, fanny pack
  - 19.3.8.5. 24 hours - back pack, 72 hours - Large Duffle bag
  - 19.3.8.6. Phone lists, maps
  - 19.3.8.7. Writing material(s), Pens (several and then some)
  - 19.3.8.8. Basic First-Aid Kit, good flashlight, whistle
  - 19.3.8.9. Personal hygiene, spare batteries, basic tool kit
  - 19.3.8.10. Duct Tape (even good for first-aid!)
  - 19.3.8.11. Jacket, blanket, plastic to keep you and equipment dry and possible wind break

**20. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 20:38

Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

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



**Happy Easter**

3/9/84



“Aaaaaaaa! ... It’s George! He’s taking it with him!”