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

November 17, 2022

- 1. Meeting called to order at 19:02
- 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 directing the introductions, welcoming guests, new members and the meeting has a total of 24 in attendance.
  - 4.1. No Meeting in December
  - 4.2. Spoke lightly about the winter Hamfest
- **5. VP Report:** KB3LGE Barbara: Christmas dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Grotto's Pizza at 30201 Commerce Drive in Millsboro. It will be from 18:00 to 20:30. Price is \$15 per person and this is for unlimited Pizza, salad and sodas and such.
- **6. Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both were accepted and approved by the membership
  - 6.1. Dues are due by the end of March 2023
- 7. No testing tonight, one passed last month
- 8. ARRL: John K3PFW:
  - 8.1. Bota coming out in January
  - 8.2. Locally in January a Summitt to discuss cooperation
- 9. ARES Jim N3XKJ:
  - 9.1. We need more volunteers at the hospitals
  - 9.2. We will be having drills coming up in the new year
  - 9.3. Also getting I.D.'s for getting into hospitals
  - 9.4. ARES's net on 090 is looking for someone to head up the net
- 10. RACES / AUXCOMM: John K3PFW filling in for Bill N3ID:
  - 10.1. No popups exercises in November

- **11. Sky Warn:** Steve KC3DSO: Will be on the 090 repeater if a storm occurs.
- **12. Old Business:** No old Business
- **13. New Business:** We sent off for a grant of \$3,500, should know before Christmas. This grant was to help new hams get on the air who due to Covid and other issues have not had elmering or the support to go past the book knowledge of passing the test.
- **14. SARA Elections:** Ray WB3GNO:
  - 14.1. President Butch WA0CIE
  - 14.2. Vice President Deborah Libertore AJ3L
  - 14.3. Secretary Donna KC3IHV
  - 14.4. Treasure Stuart KC3MAL (life appointment?)
  - 14.5. Directors:
    - 14.5.1. Jamie W3UC
    - 14.5.2. Jim N3XKJ
    - 14.5.3. Spence NS3F
- **15.** After names were read John K3PFW asked for nominations to be closed.
  - 15.1. Nominations were approved by all present
- **16. RACES / AUXCOMM:** John K3PFW filling in for Bill N3ID: Spoke about the Rehoboth Marathon on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 13 miles to cover with trails and streets. Bill N3ID will be running the event. Next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>. January 28-29 is winter Field Day. Looking for a place to have it.
- **17. Hamfest:** Jamie W3UC: It's on April 15, 2023, we will be needing help
- 18. President: Butch WA0CIE:
  - 18.1. What would you like to see in 2023?
  - 18.2. Possible programs geared for new hams such as getting set up, how to get on the air for the first time. Hands on project like

how-to put-on connectors or help with antennas. HOA's and now to get around problems. What does that button mean on that radio. Go kits displays. Logging software. A Question Box. Stealth Antennas

- 18.3. Looking for ideas and suggestions
- **19. 50/50:** \$37.50 was won by Don Smith W3DCS
- **20. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 19:56
- **21.** Next meeting will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> same time, same location Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

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



## PARDON MY PLANET/Vic Lee





Honest Donna I didn't buy a new radio