

Minutes of the SARA monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club, April 18, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 19:10
2. 19 in attendance
3. Introductions were given by everyone
4. A salute to the flag and silent prayer was given
5. **Speaker/Presentation:** To be given by Pat KW3Z
 - 5.1. Parks On the Air review
 - 5.2. Understanding HF Propagation
6. **President's Report:** Given by Pat KW3Z
 - 6.1. Discussion on SARA equipment was started and will continue
 - 6.2. Shooting for Field Day location at Trap Pond out at the point, Jamie W3UC heading this one up
 - 6.2.1. Backup at Redden Forest (same location that Parks On the Air was this year)
 - 6.3. December 12th is SARA's Christmas Party at Mulligans Point Country Club again this year
 - 6.4. Recap on the Parks On the Air that was on 4/13/19
 - 6.4.1. Great turnout 24 in attendance even without Vic's fine cooking
 - 6.4.2. Event ran mostly on battery power
7. **Vice Presidents Report:** "Everything good, nothing to report"
8. **Secretary and Treasure Report** was sent out together via e-mail with no additions or corrections from the group thus being accepted and approved.
9. **Repeater Report:** John K3JL reported "Everything is working fine"
10. **Ham Fest:** Vic KC3BUI reported that we need more people to assist particularly with teardown
 - 10.1. Setup is on Friday the 26th during the day
 - 10.2. "Many challenges but it's looking good"
11. **Section Manager Report:** Bill KB3KYH spoke about the following
 - 11.1. ARRL Audio News - It's a summary of the week's top news stories in the world of Amateur Radio, along with interviews and other features. You can find Audio News on your smart phone, tablet, or PC.
 - 11.2. Winlink net every Monday between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm. All you have to do is send a Winlink message to k2cq@winlink.org. Include your call sign, first name, city/county/state, and the mode you used to send the message, for example TELNET or VHF Packet.
 - 11.3. The old Official Observer (OO) program is being replaced by the Volunteer Monitoring (VM) program and now reporting to the FCC should be much faster.
 - 11.4. World Radio Day was April 18th
 - 11.5. Bill also provided information on radio-related items that are available from the estate of a silent key. [15.4]
12. **ARES Report:** Chuck W3DEL - Up incoming events/activities
 - 12.1. Ocean to the Bay, April 27
 - 12.2. Next ARES meeting, May 8th
 - 12.3. Irish Eyes, May 11
 - 12.4. New Tech Class to be given at DT&CC May 25-26, call Erin Shutt at 302.259.6366
 - 12.5. Jim N3XKJ spoke about checking in or monitoring 090 during bad weather for information/status

- 13. RACES Report:** Norm KB3OLX spoke about their race last Sunday they had with 1,700 runners.
- 13.1.** Even with a brand-new mobile command center a failure occurred with their generator and how they reestablished backup communications for the event.
- 13.2.** Norm gave some good advice 'Always prepare for the worse'
- 14. Old Business:** Nothing to report
- 15. New Business:**
- 15.1.** Charlie Arnold will be at the Hamfest whose business is on route 9 near Harbeson they do quality hats and shirts embroidery and will be taking orders. He presented some possible examples at the meeting for our consideration.
- 15.2.** A motion was presented by Pat KW3Z of a list of items that the club should purchase for emergency's/activities like coax, antennas, generator and such.
- 15.2.1.1. This was approved for the amount of \$500 by the membership
- 15.2.1.2. Bill KB3KYH initiated a revised motion to spend up to \$1,000 and was approved by the membership for these purchases.
- 15.3.** Understanding HF Propagation program was wavered due to running late
- 15.4.** Joyce XYL of Jim Smirk W3PX SK has stuff to give away and things to sell. Saturday May 4th From 9 to 14:00 and Wednesday May 8th 16:00 to 19:00. 128 Creek Side Drive, Dagsboro, DE
- 16. Testing:** Herb KF3BT – No testing this evening but did report that the FCC is pushing for applicants to obtain an FRN Number from the FCC before testing. Goal is to limit the use of Social Security Numbers on applications for security and privacy issues.
- 17. 50/50:** \$78 was collected and Pat KW3Z donated his winnings to the club, what a good guy!
- 18. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given by the group and approved at 20:14

Respectfully Submitted,

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