

Minutes of the SARA monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club, May 16, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 19:02
2. 28 in attendance
3. Introductions were given by everyone
4. A salute to the flag and silent prayer was given with note of recent losses of Marvin and Donnie
5. Due to the consumption of consumables Donna KC3IHV was filling in for Pat KW3Z for initial Meeting tonight
6. **Speaker/Presentation:** Will be given by Pat KW3Z
7. **President's Report:** Will be given by Pat KW3Z at a later time tonight
8. **Vice Presidents Report:** Given by Chuck W3DEL "Nothing to report"
9. **Secretary and Treasure Report** was sent out together via e-mail with no additions or corrections from the group thus being accepted and approved.
10. **Repeater Report:** John K3JL reported "Everything is working fine, having a little issue with software. Screen unreadable, its being looked at."
11. **Ham Fest:** Jamie W3UC reported 2% less this year compared to last. We spent more on prizes and attendance was down for many reasons.
12. **Section Manager Report:** Bill KB3KYH not in attendance
13. **ARES Report:** Chuck W3DEL - Up incoming events/activities
 - 13.1. Irish Eyes ½ marathon, have 5 ARES members, Spence NS3F had to do some nursing and transportation of a downed runner.
 - 13.2. May 26th Maser 5 mile on Sunday
 - 13.3. New Tech Class to be given at DT&CC May 25-26, call Erin Shutt at 302.259.6366
14. **RACES Report:** John K3PFW reported of a special event on June 14-16 the Ocean City Air Show. Excellent exposure of the how's and whys of working with other agencies and other states on an event. If interested please speak to him. This is a very big event and he will do his best to accommodate needs.
15. **Old Business:** Pat KW3Z done with his consumables and starting up
 - 15.1. Question: How old is the primary repeater and how long do they last? Will talk about it later
 - 15.2. A thank you for the efforts of Net Controllers
 - 15.3. Now about starting a newsletter?
 - 15.3.1. Spence NS3F volunteered to assemble items of interest and publish to the membership
E-mail to NS3F@ARRL.NET anything you wish to add. Initially it will be attached to the secretary's report.

16. New Business:

16.1. We spoke about new club equipment

16.2. Field Day June 22-23, will be at Redden Forest where Parks On the Air was held this year.

16.3. Vic KC3BUI will be spoiling us with the finer foods and creativity.

16.4. Pat KW3Z gave a presentation on Sun Spots, and not those brown spots that you get from being out in the sun as we get older. It was a treasure trove in information to say the least from the software you can use to predict propagation, as to why things happen. LOTS of information!

16.4.1. www.qsl.net/W6ELProp is a program to predict signal levels and its FREE

17. Testing: Herb KF3BT – 2 new generals and 4 new technicians.

18. 50/50: \$80 was collected and Barbra Dean KC3LGE donated her winnings of \$40 to the club.

19. Motion to Adjourn: Was given by the group and approved at 20:15

Respectfully Submitted,

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***** Smoke Signals *****

Nothing Submitted

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