

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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assisting the City of Saratoga
affiliated with the Amateur Radio Relay League
part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Meeting of SARA Board of Directors January 16, 2008

Location: Home of Fabrizio Corno

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH, Treasurer
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ, President
- Christina Sand, KG6ORH, Past President
- Yin Shih, N9YS, Director
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM, Secretary
- Rob Vance, N6ROB, Director

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 8:03 pm and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President.

Old Business:

- The minutes from the January, 2007, Board Meeting were approved.
- The board authorized Christina to maintain the SARA website.
- The board authorized Christina to represent SARA in the area of federal tax exemption matters.

New Business:

- Christina prepared a letter to Downey Savings authorizing Fabrizio, Kelly and Don to sign checks for SARA. Don will sign and send the letter to Downey Savings.
- Don presented, and the Board approved, a grant expense letter to be sent to the Rotary Club Charitable Foundation.
- Possible methods of increasing SARA enrollment were discussed:
 - Put a questionnaire on the website.
 - Create a publicity person.
 - Split business meetings from regular meetings.
 - Have more Board meetings to handle business.
 - Send an email questionnaire to all Saratoga callsign addresses.
 - Develop a club project.
 - Publicize events at HRO.
- Mark Bohrer will be invited to become the club PR officer to promote events and generally oversee publicity.
- SARA will conduct ham radio license classes to augment CERT training. Don took the action to identify or develop a suitable course. The goal is a one-day cram course to expedite licensing, as opposed to a longer more technical course.
- The EOC is complete except for HF capability. Rob took the action to work with the City to determine how we can install an HF antenna. An earlier survey by Yin and Don confirmed that two spare coax cables exist between the EOC and the exterior of the fire station building.
- The next Board meeting will be April 22, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.