

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
Feb 6, 2008

Location: Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Christina Sand, Acting Secretary.

Attendees:

- Christina Sand, KG6ORH
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- John Glass, NU6P
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ
- Dick Crouch, N6RC
- Mark Bohrer, KI6KQD
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Bill Dale, N2RHV (Guest Speaker and Santa Clara County Section Manager)
- Jim Yoke, KF6HKZ
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Joe Talaich, N6IWJ
- Or Schwartz, KI6NZB
- Yuval Schwartz, KI6NZC

The meeting having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:40 pm and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President. There were introductions around the table and those present introduced themselves.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

Treasurer's Report.

- Kelly Johnson, President, N6KJ, provided the report as received from Fabrizio Corno, Treasurer, KG6UOH. The checking account is in order.
- Christina Sand, KG6ORH, discussed new documentation requirements of Downey Savings. Christina will work with Don Steinbach, AE6PM, to gather all of the required documentation. One of the required documents is a Certificate of Status, which requires a \$5 fee in order to obtain from the Secretary of State. Christina has prepared the paperwork to obtain this document and will work with Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH, to obtain the check. Christina has obtained the new signature card from Downey Savings, but it will not be active until all three of the new signatories visit Downey Savings.

Secretary's Report.

- The January minutes have been posted on the web site. The minutes were approved by the members

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- Rob Vance, N6ROB, deferred the EC Report until next month.

Emergency Services Report.

- Jim Yoke, KF6HKZ, provided the Emergency Services Report

- Golden Guardian 2008 is already being planned. The emphasis this year is on Southern California. It is unclear at this point what role Northern California will play other than to support Southern California. More details to come. Jim made it clear that unlike last year, everyone will be busy in this year's exercise.
- Jim participated in this month's EOC to EOC net on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Jim reported that we had no problem checking into the net, but problems developed about 30 minutes following the net. Jim reported that he was communicating with several other EOC's for about 30 minutes following the net when all of a sudden nobody could hear him anymore. Both channel 1 and channel 2 seemed to be working as expected prior to this.

Web Site

- The redirection link at QSL.net is no longer working. It was decided to delete the redirection page so that search engines will find. Christina will send requests to update the links to SARA's website at various web pages, including QRZ and the section web site.

Ham Class

- SARA will be sponsoring a ham class at West Valley College on May 17, 2008.
- No decision has been made yet on whether we will charge a fee and if so, how much
- John Glass proposed that we consider offering free or reduced rate SARA membership for 2008 to anyone that becomes a new ham as a result of our ham classes. Another proposal was to charge for the classes, but allow some or all of that course fee to be used as a credit toward SARA membership. Christian Sand suggested that free or discounted member be contingent on participation in Field Day. No decision was made. The plan is to think about this and discuss it among members over the next month and make a decision later; possibly next month.

Program.

- Tonight's speaker was Bill Dale, N2RHV, Section Manager of the Santa Clara Valley section of the ARRL. The topic of his discussion was the organizational structure of the Santa Clara Valley section and how local clubs fit within that structure. He also discussed the new cellular telephone legislation and the recent controversy surrounding the issuance of amateur radio license plates by the DMV.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9: 15 p.m.