

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

146.655 Mhz, -, 114.8 Hz

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 Board of Directors April 22, 2008

Location: Home of Kelly Johnson

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH, Treasurer
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ, President
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR, Honorary Director
- Yin Shih, N9YS, Director
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM, Secretary

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:44 p.m. and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President.

Old Business:

- *Ham Radio Technician License Class.* This class will be conducted on May 17, 2008 at West Valley College. Yin has completed the class content. The next step is to identify instructors. Reformatting of the Powerpoint presentation will be done at the last minute. It was agreed that SARA should provide a class on ham radio operation as a follow-up to the Technician license class. A date of May 31 was tentatively selected. Fabrizio will check with Foothill Elementary School to see if their campus can be used.
 - It was decided to offer free 2008 membership in SARA to anyone who completes the class, obtains a license and attends Field Day.
- *Membership.* Current paid membership is on the order of 10 to 12. Fabrizio will send an email reminder to those who have not yet renewed. Payment via PayPal was discussed with no action taken.

New Business:

- *Secretary's Report.*
 - The "Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report to Attorney General of California" is due to be filed. Fabrizio will provide the 2007 amounts for "Gross annual revenue" and "Total assets". Don has the action to complete the filing.
 - The minutes from the January 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.
- *Emergency Coordinator Report.*
 - The 220 MHz packet station at the Saratoga EOC is now functional and was used during the April 19 drill. The VHF/UHF antenna must be manually switched between the TM-331A for packet and the TM-V71 for VHF/UHF FM voice.
 - Kelly noted that HF capability at the EOC is still an open issue. Don stated that Yin and he had determined that there are two unused coax cables that terminate at the tower, and that if those could be cut loose from the tower so that they were accessible at ground level they could be used for temporary HF/VHF/UHF antennas.
- *Field Day 2008.*
 - Christina will contact Dick Crouch, N6RC, about getting in touch with Ranger Miles Standish
 - Yin will contact Capt. Tim O'Donohue regarding use of the Field Day site.
 - The possibility of a GOTA station was discussed. Paul Wesling's Boy Scout troop, K6BSA, will participate.

- *Guest Speakers.* The issue of obtaining speakers was discussed. It was agreed that the Vice President should line up speakers for the months of January and February of the year following his/her elected term. Possible topics of interest are:
 - Remote Controlled HF
 - Wireless / APRS
 - Interoperability
 - Tour of County EOC
 - Amateur TV

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.