

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

May 7, 2008

Location: Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Christina Sand, KG6ORH
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- John Glass, NU6P
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Mark Bohrer, KI6KQD
- Joe Talaich, N6IWJ
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Ray Froess, KI6PNO
- Dave Schultheis, WB6KHP
- James Tyranski, KG6UDW
- John Parks, W6JPP
- Mark Hardy, AF6DO
- Jaime Sedano, AI6ER
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Don Bertossa, KC6OGH

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:35 p.m. and was called to order by John Glass, Vice President. There were introductions around the table.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

Treasurer's Report.

- Downey Savings has informed us that they will begin charging a fee for us to have an account with them.
- Don Steinbach and Christina visited Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank. Either of them will give us free checking accounts.
- If Downey Savings fails to come through with a fee waiver we will close and move our account. It was decided to leave our checking account with Downey Savings for the remainder of the time that it is free; then move it to Wells Fargo Bank if a waiver of the fee has not been forthcoming.

Secretary's Report.

- The April minutes have been posted on the website. The minutes were approved.

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- There will be a class on NIMS/SIMS/ICS on June 7, 2008 in the Saunders Room, at the Saratoga Senior Center.
- The EOC packet station is configured with Outpost on the laptop and is now operational.
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Emergency Services Report.

- No report.

Repeater

- The K6SA 2-meter repeater continues to operate normally.

Ham Class

- The Technician ham radio class is scheduled for May 17, 2008 at West Valley College. There are currently 8 signups. The course material has been completed. A follow-on "hands-on" class is proposed for May 31.

EOC Support

- Don Steinbach checked into the EOC-to-EOC net this morning. Saratoga was heard "loud and clear." A ring-down test was also conducted with no response from our SelCall box (as was the case with about half of the other stations).

Program.

- Tim Barrett made a presentation on D-STAR. The digital transmissions require less bandwidth than the typical FM analog transmissions and seem to be reliable at lower power levels. Currently, the equipment is only available from ICOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.