

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

June 4, 2008

Location: Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Jim Yoke, KI6KHZ
- John Glass, NU6P
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Tom Carney, K6EU
- John Miller, K6MM
- Joe Talaich, N6IWJ
- David Ritchie, W6DR

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:34 p.m. and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President. There were introductions around the table.

Old Business:

- It was reported at the last meeting that Downey Savings has informed us that they will begin charging a fee for us to have an account with them. Don Steinbach is following-up and is waiting for a return call from Michelle Doxie (408) 867-7000.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report.

- The following items were presented for reimbursement:
 - Don Steinbach, \$227.40 for 12 copies of the Ham Radio License Manual purchased from HRO for the Tech license class.
 - Don Steinbach, \$6.18 for certified mailings.
 - Don Steinbach, \$14.00 for payment to the VE group on behalf of Gary Smith who mistakenly made out the check to SARA. Don paid the fee out of his own pocket.
 - Christina Sand, \$25.58 for pastries, ice, drinks, etc. for the class. Unused drinks will be used at Field Day.
 - Christina Sand, \$6.48 for a spare battery for the packet TNC in the EOC.
- The License Manuals purchased for the class cost less than anticipated. The membership voted to reimburse the students for the excess. The refunds will total \$128.

Secretary's Report.

- The May minutes have been posted on the website.
 - The minutes were approved.
- The "Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report to Attorney General of California" was sent by certified mail on May 14. It was delivered in Sacramento on May 16.

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- The members voted to move the weekly Saratoga 2-meter net to Sunday evenings at 9:00 PM, effective immediately.

Emergency Services Report.

- There will be a combined ICS/NIMS/SEMS class on June 7 from 0900 to 1300 at the Saratoga Senior Center.
- The City is prepared to make badges. It's not known if the old badges will need to be replaced.

Ham Class

- The Technician ham radio class conducted on May 17, 2008 at West Valley College was a success. There were 13 students and 11 new Technician Class licenses and one upgrade were earned.
- A follow-on "hands-on" class is was held behind Foothill School on May 31. Yin Shih presented a comprehensive summary of the available HTs and the attendees were able to try out several that were supplied by SARA members.

EOC Support

- Don Steinbach checked into the EOC-to-EOC net this morning. Saratoga was heard "loud and clear."

Program.

- David Richie presented the Master Plan for Field Day 2008. SARA is planning a 2A operation (1 phone and 1 CW) at Castle Rock Ridge with the possibility of adding a GOTA station. All of the details are posted on the web site. The overall schedule is to visit/prepare the tower trailer on June 14, pack on June 26, pick up the trailer at 0700 on June 27, drive to the site and begin radio setup at 1100 on June 27. Begin transmitting at 1100 on June 28, and stop transmitting at 1100 on June 29. Everyone home by 1800 on June 29. Submit score to ARRL on July 12.

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