

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

October 1, 2008

Location: Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Ray Rogoway, W6RAR
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- John Glass, NU6P
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Mark Bohrer, KI6KQD
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Chuck Wilson, N6MUJ
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Kim Aufhauser, KE6KIF
- Gary Fariss, W6KYF
- Tony Loeb, AB6Q
- Craig Anderson, N6YXK (Guest Speaker)

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at 7:36 p.m. and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President. There were introductions around the table.

Old Business:

- The proposed Technician Class ham license class has been firmed up with the Red Cross. The class is scheduled for February 21, 2009.
- Christina Sand reported on the September 22 Board Meeting. IRS Form 1023 and related material has been thoroughly reviewed and is ready to return to attorney for submission to the IRS.

New Business:

- Members are starting to sign up for the "Halloween Caper". Rob Vance is in contact with the Sheriff and will probably be the ride-along.

Treasurer's Report.

- Unauthorized bank charges by Wells Fargo are being resolved. Services were added by the bank that were not requested by those representing SARA when the account was opened.

Secretary's Report.

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

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- Rob Vance is looking into adopting the Cupertino ARES Standard Operating Procedures for use by SARA.
- Backup battery power for the K6SA repeater is in the planning stages. The membership authorized Rob to spend up to \$75 for a suitable battery charger. There will be no sales tax if the charger is purchased through SARA.

Emergency Services Report.

- No report.

EOC Support.

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

Program.

- Craig Anderson, N6YXK, gave a presentation on APRS and WiFi. Craig is the Digital Radio Manager for San Jose RACES and the Silicon Valley Wireless Users & Experimenters Group Coordinator.
- APRS (Automated Packet Reporting System) communication is on 144.39 MHz.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.