

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 SARA Board of Directors January 19, 2010

Location: 15901 Ravine Road, Los Gatos, CA

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

Attendees:

- David Ritchie, W6DR, Vice-President
- John Glass, NU6P, Director
- Ray Froess, W6ZF, President
- Betty Froess, W6BTY, Treasurer
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR, Director

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:00 PM and was called to order by Ray Froess, President. Ray Rogoway, W6RAR, Secretary, was unable to attend.

Old Business:

- **Antenna Agreement.** The Fire Department has the revised version of the agreement for adding a HF antenna on the roof of the fire station. This document incorporates changes recommended by Dave Ritchie and Christina Sand and has been signed by the Fire District. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, signed the agreement as AEC for Saratoga. A copy of that agreement has been forwarded to the Board. A committee will be formed to design and implement the new HF antenna.
- **Field Day 2010.** Dave Ritchie will be the back up to whoever chairs Field Day this year. A leader will be sought at the February 2010 meeting.
- **Repeater.**
 - SARA is planning to link K6SA to a 70 cm repeater, on 443.150, +, PL 79.7, owned by John Glass, NU6P. The PL will likely be changed.
 - Backup power has not yet been installed at the site of the repeater. A UPS is available, but needs to be installed. Rob Vance, N6ROB, and Don Steinbach, AE6PM, will work on this project.
- **Responder's Manual.** The "Emergency Response Plan for Saratoga" still needs updating. Rob Vance has begun to do this, based on the Cupertino version. Ray Froess suggested that this include information for new emergency communications volunteers, and should also include information about the antenna drops located at Saratoga public schools.
- **EOC.**
 - The EOC now has internet access once again. The Outpost software on the packet station has been upgraded to the most recent version and the settings have been configured as instructed for Santa Clara County packet BBS.
 - The interference issue has not yet been resolved.

New Business:

- **Goals.** SARA's goals for 2010 were discussed.
- **Speaker Program.** The 2010 speaker program was discussed. Dave Ritchie, W6DR, was complimented on his proposed program. Christina Sand requested that the Emergency Communications program be switched to September because Jim Yoke, Emergency Services Coordinator, will be out of town.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Betty Froess has received all of the records from Yin Shih. It was decided that Ray Froess, President; Betty Froess, Treasurer; and Ray Rogoway, Secretary are unanimously authorized to sign on the Wells Fargo Bank checking account on behalf of the Saratoga Amateur Radio Association.

- **MAC Program.** Santa Clara County's MAC program was discussed. It was suggested that Larry Carr, EC for Santa Clara County, be invited to SARA to discuss that program at the planned emergency communications and emergency services presentation.
- **Mailing.** The possibility of doing a mailing to new Saratoga hams, as has been done in previous years, was discussed.
- **Community Participation.** Participation at community events, such as the Halloween Caper, was discussed. The Board would like to increase participation in the community, perhaps at events such as the De Anza flea market, the Stanford Pow Wow, and with the Silicon Valley VE group.
- **Website.** The K6SA website has been updated. The membership form needs additional revisions.
- **Technician License Class and Exam.** SARA and the local SVC Group will host and teach a Technician License and Exam tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2010, if there are enough sign ups to the current Saratoga CERT academy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.