



Minutes of Meeting of March 3, 2010

Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Acting Secretary.

**Attendees:**

- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- Don North, AK6DN
- David Blessing, KF6NHG
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Glass, NU6P
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH (Visitor)
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Steve Jursa, KJ6FCP (Visitor)
- Jeff Eidemiller, AF6QB (Visitor)
- Mike Lavelle, AF6TX (Visitor)
- Joe Talaich, N6IWJ

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:37 PM and was called to order by Ray Froess, President. Ray Rogoway, Secretary, was unable to attend. Don Steinbach agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Those in attendance introduced themselves around the room.

**Old Business:**

- The minutes from the February, 2010 meeting were approved. The minutes are posted on the website.
- The antenna(s) to be mounted on the Fire Station roof, will be decided at a later date.
- SARA will be conducting a Technician license class on March 20 now that the current CERT Academy is underway. The location may change from the currently-planned Community Center.
- Don Steinbach is developing a backup power scheme for the K6SA repeater. The RigRunner has been received and the battery charger is on order.

**New Business:**

- The monthly EOC-to-EOC radio test was conducted successfully this morning.
- An ICS 100/200/700/SEMS course will be taught by Jim Yoke. The date is TBD.
- SARA will be participating in the April 24 Saratoga Disaster Exercise. No details are available at this time.
- The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$2,764.

**Program:**

- The presentation was "HF Antennas 101" by David Ritchie. Dave addressed several antenna types including wire antennas, verticals and beams. Some of the candidates were suited for "stealth" applications as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.