

# 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 June 2, 2010 Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Raymond Rogoway, Secretary.

### Attendees:

- Ray Rogoway, W6RAR
- John Glass, NU6P
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE
- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Yin Shin, N9YS
- Axel Scheffin, KJ6EPH
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Kelly Johnson, N6YS
- Don North, AK6DN
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Toni Loeb, AB6Q

The meeting having been duly noticed began at 7:35 p.m. and was called to order by Ray Froess, president. There were introductions around the room.

### Old Business:

- **Fire Station HF Antenna.** Rob reported no progress on this item.
- **Nets.** Members were asked to take over arranging people to cover the Sunday net and the Tuesday SVECS net. No one volunteered. The EOC check-in was successful. SARA acted as Net Control.
- **Backup Power for SARA Repeater.** Don, AE6PM, reported that the project is on time and on target.
- **“How to Use Your Radio” Class.** The class will be given on June 5, 2010 at 2 PM and last about an hour. The Training Room has been reserved. Rob and Don will be co-trainers.
- **EmComm West.** Christina and Ray reported on some of the sessions.
- **440 Mhz Repeater.** Rob reported that the 440 Mhz repeater for SARA is up and running. The frequency is 443.150 Mhz, + offset, PL 100 Hz. It has a full duplex link to the 146.655 Mhz repeater and located at around 2000 feet in the Cupertino foothills. It has a much greater coverage in the Santa Clara valley. IRLP and Echolink are active and restricted to SARA members. Some exceptions will be made. Rob warned about disclosing the location of the repeater as it is on private property.
- **Welcome Information Package.** The package was discussed and minor changes were discussed. Ray will make those changes.

### New Business:

- **Minutes.** Approval of the May 2010 minutes was deferred.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Betty, W6VBTY gave the treasurer's report, \$3089.26 and the membership count, 29 members
- **Emergency Services Report.** Jim Yoke was absent so there was no report.
- **Field Day 2010.** Kelly presented the 2010 Field Day proposal for a “slimmed down”, simplified site and operation plan. The Plan is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

## Field Day 2010 Plan

K6SA will operate 1A

- Location: as HF1 (on-site trailer)
- Antennas: KT-34A on LPT-1242 aluminum tower, 40 & 80 wire antennas
- Radio/station & operator schedule: per N6KJ
- Goal to achieve: greater than 1500Q's or 5000-5500 points on CW/SSB

Bonus points coordinated by W6WS

- Goal to achieve: 1000-1500 bonus points

Total goal: greater than 6500 points to place nationally

K6NN will operate as a GOTA station w/o entering/submitting (not eligible in 1A)

- Location: Yellow van or additional tent
- Antennas: 15/40 wire, 6 meters
- Radio/station: per KJ6EPH
- Goal: familiarization & education for visitors/new hams

Tasks:

- Site coordination w/ CDF: N9YS
- Tables/Chairs: W6WS (pickup/return from CERT container)
- Fluids/Snacks: WO1NDR (purchase) => W6WS (deliver)
- Porta-toilet: N9YS
- Gasoline (91 Octane UL): N6KJ & W6WS

Eq't Requested (from):

W6DR:

- Yellow Van (VHF tower & mast)
- Ladders (short/tall)
- KT-34
- 6M & 2M antenna (for GOTA use and NTS bonus points)
- Wire antennas (HF1 + GOTA from previous years)
- Coax
- Ropes, stakes, etc
- Generators (small Hondas)
- AC cables
- Gas cans
- Tools & First Aid kit
- Logging computer (Writelog for HF1, but network not needed)

N6KJ:

- LPT-1242 (rotor/mast/etc)
- HF1 Radio/Station (radio, keyer, mic, headphones, lamps, etc)
- Gate signs

KJ6EPH:

- GOTA Radio/Station (radio, keyer, mic, headphones, lamps, etc)

CERT:

- Tables & Chairs

Any additional requests, submit to or coordinate w/ N9YS

Food will be BYO or group takeout (organized ad hoc)

All participants are advised to bring:

- lightweight body cover & headwear for day
- sunscreen & insect repellent
- coverup or heavier jacket for night (cold)

All participants may contact FD site on club repeater (146.655/- offset/114.8Hz or 443.150/+ offset/100.0Hz), participants are encouraged to contact the FD site before coming up to check for any support/supply needs.

Overnight camping is permitted and welcome.

Donations in cash or supplies for FD, send cash or receipts to Betty Froess for acknowledgement letter. Requests for reimbursements for supplies for FD, send to Betty Froess for reimbursement by club.