



Minutes of Meeting of November 3, 2010 Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Raymond Rogoway, Secretary.

Attendees:

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| • Ray Rogoway, W6RAR | • Henry DeKruyff, KE6HOU |
| • Ray Froess, W6ZF | • Rob Vance, N6ROB |
| • Yin Shin, N9YS | • Joe Talaich, N6IWJ |
| • Don Steinbach, AE6PM | • Jim Yoke, KI6HKZ |
| • Christina Sand, WO1NDR | • Betty Froess, W6BTY |
| • David Ritche, W6DR | • John Lampe, KJ6JPS |
| • Fabrizio Corno, KG6UGH | • Don North, AK6DN |
| • John Glass, NU6P | |

The meeting having been duly noticed began at 7:30 p.m. and was called to order by Ray Froess, president. There were introductions around the room.

Old Business:

Emergency Comm Report.

- Jim Yoke reported on the City of Saratoga's response to the Great California Shakeout. Based upon the response of the City, Jim expected that there will be a day long, countywide drill next year involving, among others, radio amateurs.
- Christina reported and she and Don Steinbach presented the role of amateur radio in emergencies, as well as the American Red Cross and CERT, to Canyon Heights Academy.
- There will be a Santa Clara County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Training at the Saratoga Community Center, on 11/4/10 from 7 PM to 10 PM and a follow-up practice in a Saratoga neighborhood on 11/6/10 from 8 AM to 2 PM.
- The EOC to EOC net was not held due to County Training.

Net Check-ins.

- The last net received 17 check-ins. There appears to be good simplex coverage.

Backup power for SARA repeater.

- Don Steinbach showed the completed changeover panel and reported that it was completed. He also said that the software to control it was completed. He said that during a power outage, the repeater will announce the switchover to battery power and will also announce the return to AC.

Halloween Caper.

- John Glass reported that there were 15 participants and that there were no incidents to report to the Sheriff.

Bylaws.

- Ray Froess reported that the revised bylaws had been signed by Betty Froess.

New Business:

Minutes.

- Changes to the October 2010 minutes were given to Christina Sand for updating on the web.
- The October 2010 minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report.

- The Treasurer reported on the current balance of the bank account.
- Membership is at 31 members with 13 voting members present at this meeting.
- Dues of \$20.00 are due January 1, 2011. Betty recommended that members pay early.

Reimbursements.

- Don Steinbach submitted a request for reimbursement for the battery switchover equipment.

Event calendar.

- It was confirmed that Christina Sand is maintaining the calendar.

Book distribution.

- Christina Sand has been sorting Lou DeGive, WB6RAG's amateur radio effects. She distributed a number of his books. She reported that much of the electronic equipment was old and without batteries or chargers and was sent for electronics recycling.

Guest speakers.

- John Glass is taking responsibility for obtaining guest speakers for our meetings.

Tech license class.

- There are 24 sign-ups for the 11/13/2010 class.

December meeting.

- The program topic will be "RFI & DF'ing.

Elections.

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the slate of nominees with no changes.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominees by acclimation.
- The officers and directors for the calendar year 2011 were elected and are:
 - President – David Ritche
 - Vice President – John Glass
 - Secretary – Yin Shih
 - Treasurer: Don Steinbach
 - Director: Dan Sturges
 - Director: Rob Vance

Program.

- A presentation on MicroDEM (Digital Elevation Map) was made by Yin Shih.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.