

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 December 1, 2010 Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Rob Vance, N6ROB, Acting Secretary.

Attendees:

- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- John Lampe, KJ6JPS
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Steve Thomas, N6ST
- William Thomas (no call)
- Henry De Kruffy, KE6HOU
- Susan Teeple (no call)
- Morris Jones, AD6ZH
- John Glass, NU6P
- Jim Yoke, KI6HKZ
- Don North, AK6DN
- Rob Vance, N6ROB
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF

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:

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- Rob announced that a half-marathon run will be held in Sandborn Park and he enlisting support from those who might be interested in providing communications for the event. If so, please email Rob.
- The county is soliciting participation of local members to join the Mutual Aid Communicator (MAC) program. However, training is available to non-MACs; so if you are interested please contact Rob.
- The EOC to EOC net was postponed until next week (Don Steinbach).
- Our simplex channels will be changing to comply with the local band-plan on 2 meters. More details will be released to the email reflector.

Net Check-ins.

- The last net received 18 check-ins.

Backup power for SARA repeater.

- Don Steinbach reports that the back-up power system is under test.

Ham Licence Class.

- 24 people showed for the test, 23 tested, 21 passed their test to receive their license.
- Next class we need to take more care that our class coordinator (Don Steinbach) doesn't get stuck with the financial liability of purchasing books for students.

Emergency Services Report.

- Jim Yoke reported on the the Sheriff's office training for search and rescue skills. This was the first training and was held on NOV-4-2010. On Saturday NOV-6 there was a practice drill involving Saratoga and Cupertino CERT, SARA and CARES. The effort was a great success and many people participated.
- DSW cards for the City are expiring for many people. In January there will be a session to get new members a badge as well as renew existing workers. New badges may include stickers as endorsements for special training (such as Search and Rescue, etc.).
- There will be EOC training in Saratoga at the fire station on December 14th (the logistics portion) from 9 am to 12 pm.

New Business:

Minutes.

- The November 2010 minutes were approved as amended.
- Board of Director's meeting minutes from January 2010 were approved by the directors.

Treasurer's report.

- The Treasurer reported on the current balance of the bank account.
- 2010 Membership is at 31 members with 23 voting members; currently 8 members are required for quorum.
- 2011 There are 10 paid Members and 9 voting.

Reimbursements.

- Don Steinbach submitted a request for reimbursement for the expenses from the licensing class.
- Don Steinbach submitted payment (income) from the licensing class.

Technician License Class.

- A 4-wheeling group (called King's Mountain Center) has requested a licensing class for mid-January. Instructors have volunteered. Jim Yoke has agreed to secure a facility in Saratoga for the training event. Details are still being sorted; but the tentative date is 1/29/2011.

Guest speakers.

- John Glass has confirmed a guest speaker for January 2011.

Program.

- A presentation on RFI and Direction Finding was made by Mr. Steve Thomas, N6ST.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.