



## Minutes of Meeting of February 2, 2011 Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Yin Shih, N9YS, Secretary.

### ***Attendees:***

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The meeting having been duly noticed began at 7:38 p.m. and was called to order by David Ritchie, President. There were introductions around the room.

### ***Old Business***

***Tierra Bella Bike Race.*** Ray Rogoway reported that there is a major bike race out of Morgan Hill that could use communications support, event to be late April, early May, details will be provided later.

***Kings Mountain Center Tech License Class.*** Don Steinbach reported there were 24 students and 3 walk-ins, for 27 tests, with 26 passed. Participants from multiple counties. Don Steinbach, Kelly Johnson, Rob Vance and Christina Sand taught class. Jim Yoke would like a list of participants that are from Santa Clara County and invite them to participate in County emcomm activities.

***DSW Card Renewals.*** Jim Yoke reported that Jana Rinaldi has provided dates for DSW card renewals or new signups on 2/10 or 2/17 at the City Hall Planning Dept.

***Repeater Backup Status.*** Don Steinbach reported that there are plans to add large cap and solid state switching to solve reset issue.

***MAC Program Status.*** Rob Vance reported that there is one person who wants to be a MAC, his request is in process.

**Weekly Net Status.** Don Steinbach reported that there were 24 check-ins for last Sunday's net. Teri Jones will be net control next week. Weekly rotation for net control currently in effect.

**Membership Roster Status.** Christina Sand will coordinate with Treasurer to compile current Membership Roster (including opt-out request email) to be sent. This will aid member communication.

## ***New Business***

**New trail runs/operating events.** Dan Sturges reported that there will be a running event (50-100 participants) that will take place in April (date to be reported) at Rancho Del Oro Open Space District Park. Organizer Troy Limb needs hams to man aid stations during events. Dan will put out info on club reflector over next few weeks. Not SJ or SARA RACES, just volunteer. There could be future runs.

**Board Meeting.** Yin Shih gave notice that this meeting will take place on February 9, 2011. This meeting was deferred from 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January by mutual and unanimous consent of the directors.

**Treasurers Report.** Don Steinbach reported the bank account balance, including dues and Kings Mountain collections. Checks outgoing for manuals and postbox. Dues for 2011 are due. Don will review spreadsheet to check on member dues still pending.

**Program Chair.** John Glass reported that Gary Gordon K6KV will talk on Triplexer (allows sharing a triband beam on Field Day) in March. April/May will have Emergency Comm talk or Pacific Division Director will give a Virtual ARRL Tour. June is Field Day meeting. A suggestion was made for a future EOC radio station presentation (Don or Yin).

**EC Report.** Rob Vance reported that the table top exercise occurred, focus was packet communications between Saratoga EOC and County. Packet software updated as part of exercise. Don Steinbach reported that the EOC to EOC net occurred without event.

**CERT Academy.** Jim Yoke reported that the academy runs February 26 to March 26, with graduation expected on April 2. Discussion of scheduling another Tech class as well as New Ham "Hands-on" Class. Rob suggested some new participants/members might help or take lead.

**Minutes.** December minutes approved previously, January minutes not posted, will approve at later meeting.

**Speaker: Cross Band Repeating.** Christina Sand provided an explanation of cross band repeating, including locked band mode. Summary of pros/cons of each mode. Explanation of equipment needed. Explanation of repeater radio programming. Explanation of regulatory requirements. Explanation of HT programming. Example of using cross band repeating for San Jose Veterans Day Parade in downtown area (obstructed communication paths due to large number of skyscrapers) using two zones. Presentation will be posted on SARA website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.