

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Meeting of April 6, 2011 Saratoga Fire Department

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

Attendees:

- Yin Shih, N9YS
- John Glass, NU6P
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Nancy Williamson, KJ6MNC
- Ron Keene, KJ6MNB
- Henry DeKruyff, KE6HOU
- Herman DeKruyff, KI6ETZ
- Don North, AK6DN
- Sherman Fu, KJ6LLV
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Lampe, KJ6JPS
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Tony Loeb, AB6Q
- Brian Maguire, KB6TPS
- Dave Ritchie, W6DR
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Easan Katir
- Art Brookman, KJ6GMI

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

Old Business

Rancho Canada del Oro Run. Dan Sturges, W6DIV, cancelled ham support for the event. They did not need communications and it was discovered that run was "for profit".

Tierra Bella Bike Ride. Christina Sand, WO1NDR, reported that Ray Rogoway is coordinating communications volunteers for the April 16th event; they still need more volunteers.

Field Day 2011. Summary of FD location and activities for new members. Leads for 2A station (HF1, HF2, VHF, GOTA) designated. Food chair volunteer: John Lampe.

New Business

Minutes. The February, March and Board of Director minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported the bank account balance and that there are 28 paid-up members.

Technician Class. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that Wilcox High requested a class on 4/30, and Los Gatos DART requested a class for 6/4. The Wilcox request is probably too soon to be supported. The Los Gatos request depends on instructor availability and overlap with Saratoga CERT Academy.

SARA Net. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported 17 to 21 check-ins on recent Sunday night nets. Also ran simplex test from EOC, able to get 13 out of 17.

EC Report. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that the EOC EMI/RFI problem resolved.

Mustard Fair Report. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that he and Madeline Lipford were present with SARA/CERT handouts.

Program. John Glass, NU6P, reported that Jim Tiemstra K6JAT (Vice Director) who was to provide an ARRL update and virtual ARRL HQ tour, cancelled due to injury; he will resched for end of year.. Don Steinbach subbed with a battery talk. The May talk will be an Emcomm talk coordinated by Rob Vance/Jim Yoke. The September talk will be about the Afghanistan DXpedition by Dave Ritchie.

Speaker. Don Steinbach, AE6PM, gave a presentation on rechargeable batteries, including the basics of lead acid cells and charging, structures of different types (Flooded, Gel, AGM). Charging methods and charging voltages of different types were also discussed. Discharge characteristics versus lifetime.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.