



## Minutes of Meeting of May 4, 2011 Saratoga Fire Department

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

### *Attendees:*

- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Henry DeKruyff, KE6HOU
- Herman DeKruyff, KI6ETZ
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Lampe, KJ6JPS
- Donna Dittrich, KJ6LLP
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- George Gadd, KG6PHK
- John Lampe, KJ6JPS
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Byron Malechek, KI6UZE
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE
- Dave Ritchie, W6DR
- Pat Moore, K6PMM

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

### *Old Business*

**Tierra Bella Bike Ride.** Christina Sand, WO1NDR, submitted a brief summary of the event which went well. A suggestion was made that the race organizer needs to provide better ground rules to participants and notify CalFire of the event, as some cyclists obstructed CalFire vehicles on emergency call and CalFire had no idea there was an event on. It was pointed out that these allegations were not only verified but that there was only a slim chance they were true. It was also clarified that SARA was not sponsoring this event or in any way affiliated with it.

**T6PSE DXpedition.** Dave Ritchie, W6DR, reported that this was cancelled due to safety issues related to Taliban, Al Qaeda & OBL events.

**Technician Class.** Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that class will go ahead for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Day 2011.** Yin Shih, N9YS, reported that Field Day organizing has started via email, it was suggested that hams who are interested sign up for SARA Yahoo reflector for future updates. This resulted in a discussion of email list policy – current policy is to only accept SARA members as list members. Suggested revisit rationale with SARA board for possible revision/adaptation.

## *New Business*

**Minutes.** The April minutes have not posted; approval deferred.

**2M Net.** Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that there were 18-19 check-ins in recent weeks, also 83 unique calls in past year and up to 18 net control ops.

**EC Report.** Don Steinbach, AE6PM, reported that the EOC-EOC radio check performed OK. The County EC meeting is tomorrow (May 5).

**Speaker.** Pat Moore, K6PMM, spoke on DSW & Go-kits.

- Background: American Red Cross, Gilroy OES, SCC OES, Gilroy Police Dept, ADEC.
- DSW registration is with Santa Clara County or local city. By law DSW requires updated info on registrants every 5 years. Only entity participant is registered with can activate – they will provide activation number. Record of activation number confirms proper activation. Assignment usually made by radio, given as common name, address, Thomas Bros. grid. Activation shifts are 8 hours, but be prepared for 12 hours. During activation, you must be under continuous supervision (this means reachable by radio, so need to plan equipment, batteries, antenna, etc). Be aware of different nets and programming for them (Resource, Message, City/Tactical, Command, Hospital, etc). For earthquakes, try using Modified Mercalli scale. Check-in with local nets first, if not up or if released move to County Resource net. Do not self-activate (except within city policy); if waiting for activation, address your personal situation then prepare for immediate departure. Don't accept assignments if not ready to leave or if you feel you are unsuited for assignment or unsafe. Be sure to understand your assignment. Be sure to document your assignment (activation number, assignment details). When arriving on scene, stay in vehicle, check-in, receive further updates/instructions. On scene: assist, be courteous/respectful, communicate (don't kibitz/critique), remain in touch. Check-out/demobilize.
- Go-kits: organized as 2-hour, 12-hour and extended kits. Radio, batteries, antennas, food, water, protection and personal items (clothing, hats, gloves, ear/eye protection, toiletries, medication, etc). Will need message forms: Modified Mercalli scale, 205 Incident Radio Comm Plan, ICS 211A Comm Check-in, ICS 213 Message Form, ICS 214 Unit Activity, ICS 309 Comm Log, ICS 314 Windshield Survey, Phone Message Pad.
- Further info available at: <http://www.scc-ares-races.org>

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.