

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members**: Next training is on February 27 at 7pm at the Harry Brown Airport.  
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

**Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5

**Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 8, and December 6

**Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17

General Meeting Minutes  
American Red Cross Building  
January 3 2014

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with 20 members and guests present. Mike KD8MMH then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

The club thanked Judy KC8BYI for her exemplary service as club president.

John KC8WZM made a motion and Joe KD8AFM seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report was presented by Duane KD8AU, Lou W8LPV made a motion and Doris KD8MMG seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about the closing of the Red Cross at its present location in Saginaw. Lou will draft a letter to different people about getting another building to meet in.

A motion was made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Lou W8LPV to accept Gail NO8U into the club. Motion passed.

Winter Field Day was discussed.

The monthly ARES meeting will be held at Harry Brown airport January 23 at 7:00 pm.

The Auction to be held at the February meeting was discussed.

President Mike KD8MMH updated the club on the upcoming swaps.

Hooking up the Echolink was discussed. Duane KD8AUY made a motion and Dave N8ERL seconded it to have Jeff KC8BDQ get Echolink hooked up. Motion was passed.

Trying to get new younger members into the club and into amateur radio was discussed. Lou W8LPV said he will talk to someone at SVSU about getting new members. Brian KA8YXV said he would talk to someone at the Saginaw Arts and Science academy about getting new members.

The 50/50 of \$19.50 was won by Lou W8LPV

Judy KC8BYI made a motion that was seconded by John KC8WZM to close the meeting. Motion was passed.

Upcoming events will include Club Breakfast, Board Meeting, and ARES Training

Thank you Minnie for taking the minutes in my absence.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA  
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
January 15 2014

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:35 with Mike N8XPS, Jeff KC8BDQ, Dave W8DW, Judy KC8BYI, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike KD8MMH.

Duane KD8AUY welcomed Mike KD8MMH as the new club president.

Mike N8XPS made a motion and Mike KD8MMH seconded to reappoint Duane KD8AUY as chairman of the board. Motion passed

Judy KC8BYI made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter. Motion passed

Dave W8DW announced that Larry Townsend NO8M (ex WA8AYW) had passed away on January 5, 2014

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report that was presented by Duane KC8AUY. Membership dues will be collected at the February Meeting and will be due by March 2014.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH discussed the upcoming auction at the February meeting. There was discussion about fundraising with the Lions club tickets. Mike KD8MMH talked about the April 19, 2014 preparedness event at Birch Run and the board decided that we should again participate in this event.

Vice President's Report: Mike N8XPS suggested having a law enforcement speaker do a presentation at a monthly club meeting.

Chairman's Report: Repeater Committee will remain the same as last years. It will include Jeff KB8SWR, Ron KC8YVF, with one other to be named by the license trustee.

Comments: Jeff KC8BDQ discussed Echolink progress. Jeff also made a comment that the club trailer is in need of repair and Mike KD8MMH made a suggestion that we have a trailer committee named to keep up with upkeep of the club trailer.

Judy KC8BYI said that she has completed and filed club tax paperwork.

There was some discussion on Changing the time and day of the monthly General meetings.

Dave W8DW made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45

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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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