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Important Upcoming Club News:

July 4th Care Break is July 2 through the 5th. Help is still needed, sign up today.

Attention

A picnic will be held on Friday July 2 at 6 PM at the rest area followed by the General Club Meeting.

Metro Youth Day is on July 14th.

For ARES Members: There will be no training in July (happy vacation month)

August 26 will be a picnic and "hands-on" packet training

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: July 14th, August 18th, September 15th, October 13th, November 17th, December 15th

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

June 4, 2010

Duane (KD8AUY) called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with 24 members and guests present. Then offered acknowledgements to Gordy (KC8YVD), John (KC8WZM) and Mike (N8XPS) and introduced Louis Vescio (W8LPV) as the evening's presenter.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept May minutes as presented in the Harmonic made by Gordy (KC8YVD) with a second by Joe (K8CQF).

Treasurer's Report:

Was presented by Judy (KC8BYI). Motion to accept made by Emmett (W8EAB) then seconded by John (KC8WZM).

Old Business:

Emmett (W8EAB) reported 5 Saginaw County, 3 Genesee County, and 1 Midland County operators attended the Frankenmuth MS Walk. Also a MS Bike race, an offshoot of Fenton race, is being planned for September 25th and 26th; pertinent information can be found at Michigan Bike Hams.org. Dave (N8ERL) reported all went well with a dozen

operators at the Run for Windy. Ron (KC8YVF) presented results of S.E.T. 18 operators assisted, and were able to utilize A.T.V. and APRS. The repeater shut down twice but operations continued.

The next Homeland Security exercise will be a simulated earthquake over 5 states for 10 days.

Duane (KD8AUY) arranged to rotor control box to be inspected; all concur rotor and tower must come down for repair.

Judy (KC8BYI) reported about the amateur radio insurance through the ARRL/Marsh costs \$20 with an additional \$1 per \$100 in equipment value. We are well covered.

Field Day Report by Dave (W8DW) is still looking for operators, current volunteers are Dave (N8ERL) 20/40, Mike (N8XPS) Gota, Lou (W8LPV) 15, Dave (W8DW) CW, and Ron (KC8YVF) Digital. Judy (KC8BYI) to make Sloppy Joe's for pot luck. Tent and radios available if needed. Lou (W8LPV) will send invitation letters to V.I.P.'s.

Interest expressed in ordering club jackets need 5 to place order.

Ron (KC8YVF) reported Jeff Mativa (KB8SWR) knows a crane operator willing to lift tower to top of Rosien for hundreds of dollars. Oral estimates from 2 tower companies were around \$1500; waiting to see written estimates. Joe (K8CQF) made a motion to authorize the board to spend \$2000 to resolve Rosien Tower project seconded by Gordy (KC8YVD).

Duane (KD8AUY) said his friend, an electronic engineer, will speak to a group of 20+.

Judy (KC8BYI) will help with Care Break picnic; asked Ron (KC8YVF) to grill burgers and dogs.

Motion made by Dave (N8ERL) and seconded by Lou (W8LPV) to accept Brian Kleinfeld (KA8YXV) into membership. After being voted in Brian volunteered for 4th of July Care Break.

50/50 drawing won on ticket #671274 by Gordy (KC8YVD) in the amount of \$20.

Duane (KD8AUY) reminded of up coming club breakfast and Dow Run. Motion to adjourn made by Joe (K8CQF) with a second by John (KC8WZM) motion carried and presentation started at 8:42.

SVARA Board Meeting

June 16, 2010

Texan Restaurant, State St.

Meeting called to order at 7:58 p.m. with Duane (KD8AUY), Mike (N8XPS), Judy (KC8BYI), Rachele (KD8UOK), Jeff (KD8IOK), Ron (KC8YVF), Emmett (W8EAB), Jeff (KC8BDQ), and Amanda (KD8JAZ) in attendance.

Motion to approve May 19 meeting minutes by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Jeff (KC8BDQ) passed.

President's Report:

Duane (KD8AUY) asked for clarification on the function of the board meetings; and what the board is authorized to spend. The board is capped at \$350 before it requires General Membership approval.

Inquiry on the status of Rosein. Jeff (KB8SWR) will request something in writing (an official quote) from the possible vendors. McNally's may possibly donate crane equipment; Ron (KC8YVF) will check with them.

Vice President's Report:

An electronic copy of the July 4 Care Break sign up sheet is posted on the website. Please sign up early!

Secretary's Report:

Secretary will be out of town at the time of the July 2 meeting; and possibly the following board meeting as well. Requested that Mike (N8XPS) record and email the minutes to Rachele (KD8UOK).

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of June 4 approved report was distributed.

Took inventory of the SVARA items in storage: (2) beam antennas (2M & 440), tower & cable, (3) telex headphones, repeater cabinet, (2) pieces of test equipment, and some "junk." The repeater cabinet does not work; may be able to donate parts. Ron will pick up the headphones, the antennas & cable are worth keeping, and we may be able to sell the tower. This equipment could maybe be stored in the County Hangar; sale items could be listed on the website; maybe some items are worth being used at the Red Cross building.

Consider putting a repeater in the south end of the county – possibly Birch Run. Jeff (KD8IOK) suggested a possible offer to set it up at his house; the tower may be useful at that location.

Field Day – Gordy (KC8YVD) will have Sloppy Joes and fruit.

Gordy (KC8YVD) and Judy (KC8BYI) will help Mike (N8XPS) with the July 4 Care Break.

Still need someone to be in charge of the Labor Day Care Break.

Chairman's Report:

Events:

June 19 – Midland Swap

June 24 – ARES Training (No July ARES Training; August training will discuss packet.

June 26 – 27 – Field Day

July 14 – Metro Youth Day

Field Day:

Lou (W8LPV) handled the PR invitations. Emmett (W8EAB) received an email from a TV5 cameraman; they may bring a camera & news caster Eric Jhyla to Hemlock during the event.

Emmett (W8EAB) will call mosquito control and request that they spray the park on Friday night.

The club trailer will be hauled to the Field Day location by Rob (KC8IJN) between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., but he will be unable to stay. He will also pick up the trailer after the event.

Will need (2) water jugs and drink coolers for Field Day.

Will need to check oil in the generator before starting.

Jeff (KD8IOK) has decided to surrender the club trailer. Rob's (KC8IJN) home will be temporarily available if needed.

Decided that the trailer can go to Jeff (KC8BDQ) and Judy's (KC8BYI) for the summer events, and through the winter (through "Santa"); then would only need alternate storage for the winter.

Metro Youth Day:

Sign up sheet and trailer transportation request will be distributed at the next general meeting.

Care Break:

Ron (KC8YVF) will be cooking; Judy (KC8BYI) will arrange for supplies to be sent.

Rosein Tower:

Need to get formal written (bids) quotes before the next board meeting.

Old/New Business:

Inquiry whether there is interest in a digital signal class. If so, other counties could also be invited. Would have to hold it on a weekend (non-meeting night).

Nobody will be available to do ATV at Field Day. Would like to host a demonstration to get others qualified; would have to contact Jeff (KB8SWR) or Aaron (KD8AVA).

Inquiry whether or not to have another ice cream social at the August general meeting; decided to discuss at the next general meeting.

Suggestion to bring the "junk" box from storage to the next general meeting. Will announce in the Harmonic.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. with a motion from Emmett (W8EAB), and second from Judy (KC8BYI).



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

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

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd 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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