

SVARA Harmonic

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHAT IS AN ELMER ?

Every month in our club 'Harmonic' there is a list of Elmers. Several years ago a letter to the editor in QST magazine appeared where a Ham was thanking his friend, who was named Elmer, for helping him get started in Amateur Radio. Since that time we have been referring to mentors as Elmers. Of course Webster tells us that a mentor is an experienced and trusted friend and advisor. If you are new to the hobby, or have been licensed for a long period of time, there are always questions that come up. This is why we have Elmers.

Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question. After all it is what we learn after we know it all that counts. As SVARA club members we should all make the following New Years resolution. I shall try my best to help my fellow hams in their search for knowledge and encourage them to become the best they can be.

WA8GRI

Reminder:

With the New Year comes the time to pay your 2008 club dues. Please remit the appropriate amount for your type of membership as follows:

Membership Dues	With Repeater	Without Repeater
Full Member	\$21.00	\$15.00
Associate Member	\$21.00	\$15.00
Senior Member	\$13.50	\$7.50
Student Member	\$13.50	\$7.50
Spouse		\$7.50
Repeater Only	\$6.00	

Please send to:

SVARA Treasurer
c/o Judy Weirauch 806 S. Oakley St.
Saginaw, MI 48602-2249

General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2007

Red Cross

The meeting started at 7:00 pm for snacks and socializing. The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. There were 29 members and guests present. The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by KC8YVD seconded by KC8WZM. All were in favor except N8REB, who cast the lone nay vote. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented on a motion by WA8KFC, seconded by K8DVX. All were in favor.

Old Business:

N8ERL gave a wrap-up on Field Day.

KC8YVF made a plea for ARES applications for 2008.

K8DVX asked for an update on the club trailer. KC8BDQ assured him it was winterized at bdq's residence. It is tarped and the generator is winterized.

New Business:

In an election that was conducted very efficiently by K8CQF, members voted in the following officers and a board member.

A motion by N8ERL that was seconded by W8EAB, closed nominations and another motion by K8DVX which W8EAB also seconded, accepted the slate and resulted in the following members being elected:

President: N8XD

Vice-President: WA8GRI

Secretary: KC8BDQ

Treasurer: KC8BYI

3 Year Board: KC8YVF

The 50/50 drawing was won by N8ERL. He pocketed \$23.00.

Several wonderful gifts were also provided by W8LPV and his organization. They were won by:

W8EAB, W8CWD, KB8ANV, KC8YVD, KD6TVY AND KC0RBV. Congratulations to everyone.

On a motion by KC8BDQ, seconded by K8CQF, the meeting closed at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

Board of Directors
SVARA
December 19, 2007
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 pm. Present were: KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, WA8GRI, KC8YVF, and N8XD.

Reports:

President: Congratulations re-elected board members! An effort will be made to offer more training and projects in 2008.

The APRS (automatic packet reporting system) needs attention. It has been brought to the clubs attention that our APRS may be using RELAY as the start of our path and we should use the WIDE1-1 format instead.

There was a motion by KC8BDQ to allow \$300.00 for APRS upgrades. KC8BYI seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the club purchasing and LCD projector for our own use. It was agreed to present a proposal to the general membership.

Secretary: Motion by KC8BYI seconded by KC8YVF to accept the minutes of the November board meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was reviewed.

There was a discussion concerning autopatch and 911.

New Business

KC8BDQ had no new business.

KC8BYI mentioned needing to update our info with the repeater coordinator. She then asked if Wednesday was still a good night for board meetings.

KC8YVF said that the Citizen's Corps would be sponsoring SkyWarn training in the fall/winter of 2008.

ARES applications please!

On a motion by KC8BYI seconded by KC8BDQ, the meeting closed at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R
 -and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 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,
 9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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