

# SVARA Harmonic

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## **From KC8BDQ:**

Happy New Year! Just a few words to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your club president in 2009. It was a busy year and we accomplished a good deal. Please refer to our secretary's Year In Review below. And please welcome your new Officers and Board members for 2010! Here are the election results:

President: Duane Morris, KD8AUY  
Vice President: Mike Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary: Rachelle Stange, KD8UOK  
Treasurer: Judy Weirauch, KC8BYI  
3yr. Board: Jeff Stange, KD8IOK

Emmett Bengry, W8EAB has 2 years remaining on the board and Ron Huss, KC8YVF is serving his last year.

## **2009 S.V.A.R.A. board year in review**

Board members: Ron KC8YVF, Jeff KC8BDQ, Lou W8LVP, Judy KC8BYI, Mike N8XPS, Emmett W8EAB, Jeff KD8IOK, and Keith N8XD

Repeater committee: Jeff KC8BDQ, Keith N8XD, Bob N8YXR, Ron KC8YVF and Jeff KB8SWR.

Public service events: MSWalk, Hemmeter Hobby Fair, Run for Windy, Skywarn Training, Dow Run, Summer Care Breaks, Tuuri and Crim races, Metro Youth Day, Free Fun Day, Family Preparedness Day, ARRL S.E.T., Technician license class and testing, Christmas festivities at Children's Zoo, Parade, and Museum.

Noted donations: Nine Rohn 55-tower sections donated by Edgar AJ2S via Dave N8ERL and Duane K8CCE. Packet equipment for E.O.C. and a tower from Midland was arranged by Ron KC8YVF and Echolink access to repeater currently provided by Aaron KD8AVA, Dennis KA8PRX a 440 Repeater, and Gary KB8YEB Yeasu HT. The Castle Museum accepted equipment we received from F.A.A.

Noted service: Lou W8LVP as public information officer and legislative assistant for district. He also made a presentation before City Council. Named Club historian Joe K8CQF, Emmett W8EAB to Care Break committee, and Jeff KD8IOK Trailer committee. Improvements were made to the Club Trailer with help of Jeff KD8IOK, Amanda KD8JAZ, Mike N8XPS, Rachelle KD8UOK, Rob KC8IJN, and his father. Licensing classes presented by Joe K8CQF and Mike N8XPS. A testing session was conducted with call signs from KD8MME to KD8MML were received with two upgrading to General. Independent licensing study is recognized. Lou W8LVP submitted news articles to local papers and QST about Amanda KD8JAZ being our youngest member. Honorary Membership presented to Ed W8HZF by Mike N8XPS. Jack W6RTO and Bill W8CWD were added to Silent Key Plaque. Joe KD8AFM and Tony N8ZPO served in active duty Army and Reserves.

Added members: Tim KD8JXN, Ken KD8JJK, Amanda KD8JAZ, Rob KC8IJN, Dave WB8LZA, Tony N8ZPO, Walter N8TKQ, Rachelle KD8UOK, Dennis KA8PRX, Don KC8PRN, Aaron KD8JQK, and Gayle Wright.

Mileage based reimbursement for trailer towing adopted at \$.55 per mile. The board recommends the removal of the amateur radios from 911. Care Break sponsor changed from State Farm to AAA.

### **Dues**

The board has been in discussion concerning the structure of our membership dues. While the club constitution stipulates that spouses, students, seniors and associates shall pay one half (1/2) of the regular dues, we have discussed eliminating the confusing "repeater support" of \$6.00 and simply having 2 rates for all memberships. There are two (2) proposed rate structures that will keep revenue from dues about the same. They are as follows:

Full membership: \$24.00      All others: \$12.00

OR

Full Membership: \$30.00      All Others: \$15.00

We need you to express your opinions and concerns on this change. There will be discussion at the January 8th general meeting with further discussion and a vote at the regular February club meeting. The treasurer will begin accepting the new dues after the vote.

### **New Harmonic Editor**

Everyone welcome Rob Wright, KC8IJN as your newsletter editor. Check the back page for Rob's info. Let's all pitch in and give Rob some material to work with. I'm sure he will do a good job for us.

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

December 4, 2009

After all seemed to have enjoyed the presented buffet Jeff KB8BDQ brought the business meeting to order at 8:17 p.m. with 33 members and guest present. A certificate was presented to Amanda Stange KC8JAZ recognizing her as being our youngest member. The Buzzard Roost Net was announced saying it is on 3930 kHz at 5:00 p.m.

Treasure's Report: Presented by Judy KC8BYI motion to accept by Emmett W8EAB with a second by John KC8WZM

Secretary's Report: motion to accept minutes as presented in the Harmonic news letter made by Duane KD8AUY with a second by John KC8WZM passed with one opposition from Dave N8REB

Joe K8CQF conducted elections with help from Gordy KC8YVD. Nominations for president were opened with Duane KD8AUY and Mike N8XPS as candidates. Our President for 2010 will be Duane KC8AUY. Moving to Vice President: Jeff KD8IOK and Mike N8XPS as the nominees, with Mike N8XPS elected to the position. Judy KC8BYI and Rachelle KD8UOK will serve as Treasurer and Secretary for 2010 both running unopposed. A three year position on the board with Rob KD8IJN and Jeff KD8IOK being nominated and voting placed Jeff KD8IOK on the board.

Larry WD8RIK reported of the hospitalizations of Ed W8HZF and his wife Norma Ireland.

Vice President's Report: Lou W8LPV led the drawing of door prizes.

A report of V.E. testing was called for Emmett W8EAB and Mike N8XPS were recognized. Dave WB8LZA thanked those who participated in phone sweepstakes.

Motion to close the meeting was made by W8EAB with John KC8WZM seconding adjourning at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes

State Street Texan Restaurant

December 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:59 p.m. with Duane KD8AUY, Judy KC8BYI, Jeff W. KC8BDQ, Lou W8LPV, Rachelle KD8UOK, Jeff S. KD8IOK, Amanda KD8JAZ, Ron KC8YVF, Mike N8XPS, and Emmett W8EAB in attendance.

Motion made to accept November Meeting minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter made by Emmett W8EAB seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ.

President's Report: Rob KC8IJN will be the new editor of the Harmonic newsletter.

Vice President's Report: Lou W8LPV inquired if Board meeting would be delayed like General Meeting for January. It was decided to meet on usual day. Press releases sent to newspapers about elections. He announced going away for 30 days but will inquire to 501c3 status before leaving.

Secretary's Report: I determined from the sign in sheet there was 2 responses to our invitations. Read year in review. Corrections were suggested.

Lou W8LPV requested a proper thank you letter be sent to his association for the donation of door prizes.

Treasure's Report: Was presented by Judy KC8BYI at General Meeting. New dues structure was discussed. Motion to present options at January General Meeting made by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Lou W8LPV. Help for Care Breaks still being looked for.

Chairman's Report: No news on K9ONE training. January General Meeting will be on the 8th with Club Breakfast on the 9th. Ron KC8YVF reported on the Ham Radio Enhancement Act that has been passed by senate moving to house. And PRB1 is in Lansing Senate needing a sponsor.

Old Business: Lou W8LPV reported on restricted radio use while driving in Canada.

No New Business except for Emmett making a motion to adjourn followed with a quick second by Jeff KC8BDQ. Meeting broke up at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael K. Linton, N8XPS

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 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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