

# SVARA Harmonic

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**For ARES Members:** Next meeting is the  
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are still looking for ideas for meeting presentations. If you have an idea for a presentation or would like to do a presentation after one of our meetings please contact Mike KD8MMH or any of the board members with your idea.

- **SVARA MONDAY NIGHT 2 METER NET**

Every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, on the Saginaw repeater – K8DAC 147.24, with a 103.5 PL tone or via Echolink. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

**Club Meeting Time** (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building January 2, 2014**

Michael KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:15 with 18 members and guests present then led us in the pledge of allegiance, introductions, and addressed the group.

Dave W8DW made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as published in the current Harmonic newsletter. It was seconded by Ron KC8YVF with Jeff KB8SWR voting nay.

Emmett NE8B made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Duane KD8AUY. It was seconded by John KC8WZM.

The Ham swap report was presented by Mike KD8MMH in lo of Minnie KD8PAZ.

A couple of requests for hired help working on antennas were relayed to the general membership by Mike KD8MMH; anyone interested can contact him for information.

Up coming events includes the Club Breakfast, Monday night net, and Ares Training.

Dave W8DW reported on the status of the Echolink station, band conditions, and upcoming contests.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the upcoming Winter Field Day on Jan 24 and 25 and the State Emergency Operation Center.

A Yeasu model of repeater was discussed as a possible option. Ron KC8YVF and Jeff KB8SWR were not in favor.

Dave W8DW addressed options to stir membership.

Mike KD8MMH reminded to bring items for the action at the February 6th meeting he will contact George Denton's family in case they would like some help selling amateur radio equipment.

Duane KD8AUY wanted everyone to feel free to pay their dues.

Justin KD8PEV won \$12.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Ron KC8YVF made the motion to adjourn seconded by John KC8WZM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
January 14, 2015

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:31 with Mike KD8MMH, Dave W8DW, Mary W8LZA, Dave N8ERL, Mike N8XPS, and Tom N8EUI present.

Secretary's Report: Dave made the motion and Mike KD8MMH to accept the minutes from the December meeting as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: Duane asked some questions about points that were addressed at the General Meeting and Mike KD8MMH had addressed. Then he reminded us of the auction at the February meeting. Some future events were discussed such as the Emergency Preparative Expo coming up on April 11th, the Care Breaks and Ares.

Dave N8ERL addressed two orders of business. The first was that he had heard that Fred K8EMQ had an interest in the Heathkit amplifier we tried to sell. It was decided to sell it to him at a discount in exchange for the he performed on our power supplies. Dave N8ERL then submitted a letter of resignation from the board and the license caretaker.

Mike N8XPS made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to elect Dave W8DW to the position. Dave W8DW made and Dave N8ERL seconded the motion to elect Duane KD8AUY the board chairman, as a matter of formality.

The Vice President Mary WB8LZA had nothing to report.

The Secretaries Report: Mike N8XPS has two grant applications from First Merit Bank.

Treasurer's Report: Duane KD8AUY reviewed the financial report he presented at the last meeting. He then presented the year in review report. Flyers about a presentation were shared.

Repeater equipment was discussed.

Dave W8DW and Mary WB8LZA spoke about making an information sheet to encourage membership participation.

Mike N8XPS made and Mary WB8LZA seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:42

Respectfully Submitted  
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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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