

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next training is Spring Skywarn on March 8th at 7pm at Covenant Cooper Lecture Theater. Also regular training is on March 22nd at Harry Brown Airport at 7pm for Traffic Message Handling. (Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
February 3, 2012

Our president KC8BYI called proceedings to order at 8:05 with 29 members and guests present. She also led in the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Secretary's Report: Dave N8ERL made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to accept the minutes for both December and January. I received a letter from Gordon Bean K8MRS he listed former graduates from Arthur Hill High School that became Amateur Radio Operators.

Joe KD8AFM made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to accept the Treasure's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ.

President's Report: Our updated licenses listing Dave N8ERL as the trustee were received and signed.

A donation of \$40 was made to the Leukemia Foundation in the name of Norma Ireland. It was reported Ed W8HZF is taking the loss well any encouraging word sent would be gratefully received. He has been diagnosed with failing kidneys but has refused dialysis.

Devin Syble KD8MPR submitted an application for membership that was supported by John KC8WZM and Joe KD8AFM

Upcoming events: Club Breakfast tomorrow, the installation of radios and commutators in the packet stations at the hospitals, Board Meeting Feb 15th at Texan Restaurant.

Dave W8DW expressed concern over work to take place at Richfield Township Park it may disrupt Field Day operations. He will determine if an alternate location is needed and will be on the look out for it. If you have any ideas see him.

Ron KC8YVF reported on Winter Field Day operations and the District Packet Drill both took place at The Harry Brown Airport on January 28th.

Lee Hodges KC8ITI shared that the Midland Amateur Radio Club would be conducting a General License Class this month and an Extra License Class in April with testing sessions being held after each of the classes.

The meeting was turned over to Joe K8CQF to hold the auction.

After the fervor of the auction we failed to officially adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
February 15, 2012

Chairman Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Tom N8EUI, Judy KC8BYI, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, and Mike N8XPS present.

Secretary's Report: A motion made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Judy KD8BYI to accept the minutes as included in the Harmonic Newsletter.

President's Report: \$393.25 was earned from the auction taking place at the February meeting. Applications for Care Breaks have not been received. Judy KC8BYI said she will inquire with the state. Emmett W8EAB distributed an e-mail after talking with the Red Cross regional director. It said there is no intention of closing the building. In fact ten-ants have been found for the open office space. It was said he is an Amateur Radio advocate and would like to attend one of our meetings, we will offer an open invitation.

Vice Presidents Report: Saturday at 1:30 will be a District S.E.T. meeting. Mike KD8MMH also inquired about ride sharing to ham swaps. He will announce up-coming swaps for the current month and the one to follow.

Dave N8ERL suggested we consider replacing the coaxial cables when the weather warms and maybe do a little work on the tower.

The Treasurer's Report the general meeting was reviewed and updated.

Chairman's Report: Duane KC8AUY asked about the current roster, which is finished but has yet to be e-mailed to Ron KC8YVF for inclusion with the web site. The next meeting will include video from Duane KC8AUY and Tom N8EUI.

Old Business: A motion was made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Dave N8ERL to purchase \$100 worth of tools for the trailer including a good tool kit, a solder gun, a assorted hardware, a multi-meter, and tape. The P.O. Box is due for renewal for \$48.

New Business: Dave N8ERL reminded us that The Run for Windy will be held on the 20th of May. The funds raised will go to a scholarship in her name.

A motion to adjourn was made Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

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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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