

# SVARA Harmonic

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**For ARES Members:** Next meeting is on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

(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: 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: 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: 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 February, 6th 2015**

Michael KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:08 with 28 members and guests present. He then led with the pledge of allegiance, introductions, and comments.

Clinton WA8ERK made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic Newsletter.

Emmett NE8B made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented by Duane KD8AUU.

Mike KD8MMH presented the upcoming swap report despite Minnie KD8PEZ being present.

Upcoming events will be club breakfast, Board Meeting, Ares training, and the Nets. Dave W8DW reported on an on going DXpedition taking place in the Caribbean.

One correction I need to be make about a happening at the past board meeting. Dave N8ERL submitted a letter of resignation from the board as the license trustee. The board immediately named Dave W8DW as the new license trustee.

As the result of being named trustee at the board meeting Dave W8DW resigned his elected position from the board remaining as trustee. For improved representation Dave nominated Brian K8HY to the open board position. I am sure a motion was made and seconded corresponding with Roberts Rules of Order but I must have missed it. This will be sure to become a correction I will need to make for next months minutes.

The Yeasu Fusion Repeater system was discussed. Lou W8LPV made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion that up to \$1500 dollars be made available for two repeaters and controller should the Repeater Committee determine the Yeasu Fusion repeater be the bargain that it appears to be.

Mike KD8MMH mailed out reminders to inactive members.

Jim KB8TDI had the Lions Club raffle tickets we sold last year with the club buying the last seven to get the money. Mike KD8MMH made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to sell them again this year. Let us work to sell tickets so the club doses not get stuck and we keep more of the money.

One of our guests Randy, didn't get his call sign, said he was looking to upgrade. From his suggestion a testing session was planned for March 28th to be held here at the Red Cross should the building be available on that day.

Lou W8LVP was recognized by those in attendance for his \$25 donation.

Ron KC8YVF made and Clinton WA8ERK seconded the motion that we participate in the upcoming Emergency Preparative Expo taking place on April 11th.

Emmett NE8B reported on the MS walks coming up for Midland on April 25th and for Frankenmuth on May 9th. He will bring a sign-in sheet to the next meeting. Hopefully we will have a great turn out to celebrate spring, and support this worthy cause.

Doris KD8MMG made and Gordy KD8YVD seconded the motion work the Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. Let us sign up to all we can early and often.

Dave N8ERL made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to adjourn to the auction at 7:45 that evening.

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
2-18-2015

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:33 with Mike KC8MMH, Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, Tom N8EUI, and Mike N8XPS present.

Dave W8DW made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

Presidents Report:

Michael KD8MMH received an e-mail from the Emergency Preparative Expo about the arrangements. The plan is to have the trailer brought to the event, but we won't be using building electricity for the expo. We may need

to provide a presentation. He thought the auction went well. A question was asked and answered about our 501c3. The Red Cross Building will be open for the examination session on March 28th. Mike KD8MMH also reported on the mailing he sent out that was prepared by Dave W8DW and Mary WB8LZA. In his report Duane KC8AUY will have something to add. Dave W8DW updated on the status of the transfer of license trustee.

#### Treasure's/Chairman's Report:

The board reviewed the Treasure's Report that was presented at the general meeting. It was reported that the prepared mailing spurred \$120 in the payment of dues and \$376 was raised by auction that was held as part of our last meeting.

Dave W8DW reported on the current status of the repeater system the possibility of the purchase of new equipment, and the plan of the repeater committee to meet.

Duane KC8AUY suggested that a Chairman of the repeater committee be named. He also shared a comparison of prices between the 1930's and modern times.

Final Thoughts: Mary Wb8LZA offered suggestions for the club Christmas party.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KC8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:26.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton N8XPS  
Secretary

## Repeater Committee Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2015

On Sunday February 22, 2015 the members of the SVARA repeater committee met at 10 am at the Tim Horton's restaurant on State St and N. Michigan Ave. On the agenda was the Yaesu System Fusion repeater offer, current repeater issues, receive sites, echolink and short term and long term goals.

In attendance was Jeff KB8SWR, Ron KC8YVF, Dave D8DW, Mike KD8MMH, absent was Brian K8HY

#### **Yaesu Repeater Offer:**

Additional information is needed - question is if the repeater can do a 25KHz split (selectivity).

If the repeater has this capability, then the committee Okayed the purchase of one (1) repeater (as approved by the general membership) to be utilized as a backup 147.240 repeater or as a club sponsored 440MHz repeater.

In order for either possibility to be used, the purchase of additional equipment will be needed in the way of a duplexer, antennas, feedline and controller.

#### **Repeater Issues:**

Gera remote link is currently in operation at Jeff KB8SWR home. Link site will be moved to the Gera location when weather permits. Link locations will be matched at that time and balanced in the system.

Measurements need to be taken to build brackets at Rosein to strengthen the west tower prior to antenna installation in the Spring. General Membership has approved the purchase and Dave N8ERL had made contact with a local welder for fabrication.

A backup 147.240 repeater located at James Township needs to be removed from that location and checked for functionality. This is a repeater only, no controller, duplexer, coax or antennas exist for this system. Long term goal is to have a fully functional repeater at this location. Additional supplies will be needed for installation.

#### **Echolink:**

The Echolink system caused a time out of the repeater prior to the Monday Night Net on February 16. No net was conducted by Mike KD8MMH. The time out was cleared on Tuesday morning by KB8SWR and a system check was done by KC8YVF onsite at Rosein.

On Wednesday February 18, the echolink system caused another repeater issue when a stray cable caused the Echolink transmitter to lock in the TX mode. Brian K8HY was contacted and the Echolink control terminal was rebooted and the errant cable removed. Systems have been functioning normal since that time. Dave, W8DW will put together a procedure document containing information on how to remote into the Echolink system to control it remotely. The document will be emailed to all committee members and club president.

**Misc Items:**

Removal of link frequencies from the ARES web site (frequencies were removed from the ARES site on 2/22/15).

It was decided by the committee that the committee will meet quarterly with the next one sometime in May 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.



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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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