

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next training will be on May 26th.

Upcoming Events: May 14 – MS Walk in Frankenmuth;
May 15 – Run for Wendy at Swan Valley High School;
May 18 – Saginaw County Emergency Exercise;
May 28-30 - Care Break for Memorial Day Weekend
June 4- Hazmat Training in Saginaw, also the Dow Run in Midland;
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

April 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:04pm with those on the sign – up sheet present. Madam President Judy KC8BYI led with introductions though no flag was present for pledge.

Motion to accept the secretary's report as presented in the Harmonic newsletter made by John W8WZM and seconded by Dave W8DW.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Jeff KC8BDQ. A motion to accept was made by Emmett W8EAB and Doris KD8MMG with the second.

Update on 501c3 Judy KC8BYI received an extensive letter from the I.R.S. that needed response by March 25th. The letter indicated we may lose our current 501c7 status. An answer has been sent back to the agent we currently wait a response.

Dave Henne K8DTT has passed away. His family is looking to sell vacuum tubes and assorted electronic equipment.

A message from the Midland Radio club has been added to The Harmonic newsletter announcing they will be conducting an Extra Class.

Upcoming events:

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| Club Breakfast | April 2 | Michigan QSO party | April 16 |
| Covenant Half Marathon | April 10 | Midland MS walk | April 30 |

Care Break update: Judy KC8BYI has yet to receive the information packet from the State Police they have changed the guidelines. Gordy KC8YVD, Sue, and Joe KD8AMF Schram have stepped forward to manage the Memorial Day Weekend.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe K8CQF then seconded by Bob N8XH. Then at 8:12pm we proceeded with the tour.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

S.V.A.R.A
Board of Directors Meeting
The State Street Texan Restaurant
April 13

The meeting was called to order by Duane KD8AUY at 7:51pm with Mike KD8MMH, Emmett W8EAB, Jeff KC8BDQ, Judy KC8BYI, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Lou W8LPV, and Mike KD8PEZ present.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept April board meeting minutes was made by Duane KD8AUY with a second by Jeff KC8BDQ.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI said the outlook of our 501c3 has moved from possibly no to hopefully yes. With Lou's W8LVP help she has been following the instructions from the agent. One of the hindrances to obtaining our 501c3 was the expression "for the pleasure of the members". It appears our schedule, web site, news letter, or other publicity cannot include specifically pleasurable events. Judy KC8BYI brought in changes needed to be made to the articles of incorporation for signatures. Emmett W8EAB made the motion, with a second by Duane KC8AUY to accept the new articles of incorporation. In other business the Care Break packet was received and sent back. This packet contained new guidelines including the wearing of Federal Safety vests, and the use of approved cups and hand outs. The guideline will be added to the Care Break instruction book.

Upcoming dates: Midland MS walk April 30th, Frankenmuth MS walk May 14th, Run for Windy May 15th.

There will be no formal presentation for the May Meeting. Dave W8DW will present on Field Day in June.

All thought the tour of TV5 studios went very well.

Treasure's Report: presented by Jeff KC8BDQ also announced there will a tower raising party at Rosien Towers on June 4th. He is working on getting rope and a crew to help. It was requested the crew members be granted associate memberships to cover liabilities. Motion to do that was made by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

Chairman's Report: recognized all the work done by Judy KC8BYI and Lou W8LPV. He inquired to the moving the time of the board meeting. A motion was made by Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ to change the meeting time to 7:30 for May.

Old Business: Since we were unable to recognize Wayne W7KEH and Muriel KD6KDY before they moved. We will check call sign databases for new address.

Motion to adjourn made by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Mike KD8MMH all said goodnight at 8:49.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

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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