

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: (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: August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi's on State St.):

All dates are Saturdays: August 6, September 3, October 8, November 4, December 3

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

All dates are Thursday: August 17, September 14, October 12, November 16, and December 14

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building

June 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, with 20 members and 5 guests present.

Ron KC8YVF, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Tom N8EUI. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, gave the Treasurer's report. Emmett NE8B, Made a motion to accept the report which was second by Gordy KC8YVD.

Minnie, reported on upcoming ham swaps. Mike KD8MMH, mentioned the Midland club was offering us a free table at this year's Midland ham swap. Mike N8XPS, mentioned an upcoming auction at the Alcona Fairgrounds. Emmett NE8B, reported on the Frankenmuth MS walk. He said it went well and the weather was good. Mike KD8MMH, reported on the Midland MS walk and the recent care break, both of which went well. He also noted there would be no July meeting and the August meeting would be our annual ice cream social.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on the Saginaw County Simulated Emergency Training and the upcoming Ares training. For the SET in general, some things went well some did not. On the hand side of things everything was good although getting signals out of MBS was challenging. The state simulated a loss of their 800 MHz system and was able to switch to ham communication without incident. We had good comments from the MMR representatives and others. The DMR radios worked also well.

At this point Mike KD8MMH, turn the discussion towards ongoing projects. He mentioned that \$1500 has already been approved for the tower project which is currently on hold. Ron KC8YVF, and Jeff KB8SWR, discussed and answered questions about the current repeater project. A question was asked about the timeline for the project and if approved at this meeting could be completed by November. Jeff KB8SWR, said this would be a steppingstone to a more modernized system. Dave W8DW, mentioned that the current voter is on its last leg. Several people raised questions about coverage of the new system versus the current system versus using the fusion repeater as a single site. In general, coverage of the new system versus the current system will be at least the same and should be better. Using the fusion repeater as a single site may provide better coverage centrally but would not provide coverage to the same geographical locations as the current system. The need to test and for club members to use, the fusion repeater so we can better gauge the performance of the repeater was also mentioned. It was also mentioned that for a lot of club members all of this is very confusing and it would be helpful if there was more information available so everyone could understand what is going on.

Duane KD8AUY, made a motion to postpone the vote for additional funds until August, to allow time for testing the fusion repeater and to allow club members time to learn about the ongoing project and the current system. This motion was seconded by Mary WB8LZA, and passed with one nay.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Emmett NE8B and seconded by MaryWB8LZA.

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting and bring your HT and any manuals you have and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We will still give it a try.

No Ares training for July.

Ares training for August will be the annual picnic and movie night.

Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

District 3 Net	145.310	Sunday	6:00 PM		
D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500)		3.586Mhz USB	Sunday	8:00 PM	
SVARA (Saginaw)	147.240	Monday	9:00 PM		
BAARC (Bay City)	145.310	Tuesday	9:00 PM		
MARC (Midland)	147.000	Thursday	9:00 PM		
MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500)	3.583Mhz USB	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday		8:00 PM	

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
June 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Duane KD8AUY, with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike K8AVJ, Dave W8DW, Anne KB8AWE and Tom N8EUI, present.

Dave made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH, reported on the upcoming Midland ham swaps and VE testing

Vice President's Report

Mike N8XPS, reported that Robert Querback offer to perform a tune-up on the club generator labor would be free the club would only have to cover the cost of parts. Mike N8XPS, then made a motion to allocate funds up to the board limit for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Mike KD8MMH and passed.

Secretary's Report

Mike K8AVJ, reported on the final preparations for Field Day.

Treasurer's Report

Duane reported that we took in about \$270 from the golf outing.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Dave W8DW and seconded by Tom N8EUI.

Board Meeting Minutes State Street Texan Restaurant

July 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Duane KD8AUY at 7:04, with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike K8AVJ, Dave W8DW, present and with Brian K8HY and Jeff KB8SWR arriving later.

Dave made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

President's Report

Skipped to allow more time for discussion.

Vice President's Report

Skipped to allow more time for discussion.

Secretary's Report

Mike K8AVJ, reported he has sent radio grams to other clubs asking to exchange radio grams with club members for practice.

Treasurer's Report

Duane reviewed the preliminary Treasurer's report for June.

Jeff KB8SWR, reported he had been looking for additional funding sources for the repeater project and found a grant offered by the Frankenmuth Credit Union. Jeff also answered questions about the repeater project. Duane KD8AUY, made a motion to move forward with the grant and postpone using club funds until the credit union has made a decision on the grant. Mike N8XPS, seconded the motion and it passed.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Mike N8XPS, and seconded by Duane KD8AUY.



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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at TBD.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi's

2016 SVARA Officers

President	Mike Dougherty	KD8MMH
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Secretary	Michael Elias	KE8AVJ
Treasurer	Duane Morris	KD8AUY
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