

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: September 4 , October 2, November 6, December 4

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi's for September, October, and November):

All dates are Saturdays: September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby coffee): @7pm.

All dates are Wednesdays: (Thursday) September 17, October 14, November 18, December 16

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building August 7, 2015

Our chairman Duane KC8AUY called the meeting order at 7:01 with 20 members and guests present. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introduction.

Dave N8ERL made a motion to accept the general meeting minutes with two corrections. These corrections are due to unintentional omissions I have made. The first was not proper recognition of the Dr. and his donation of the 897 HF transceiver. This will be corrected. The other is a lack of annotation our business dealings with the Citizen Corp golf outing because I was focused on discussing it. Dave W8DW seconded and the motion was carried.

Duane KC8AUY presented the Treasure's Report for June and then July. John KC8MZM made and Mike KE8AVJ seconded the motion to accept them as presented.

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on upcoming Ham Swaps that included Port Huron.

Upcoming events included the club breakfast and Ares training potluck and a movie at the Harry Brown Airport on August 27th. The club breakfast needed a new location so Mike KE8AVJ made and John

KC8WZM seconded the motion to move it to Levis. It was also suggested that the board meet at Big B coffee. Dave Paquette will look into it.

Dave W8DW said The North American QSO party and the Rooky RTTY Roundup are contests that will be coming up. He also reported on Field Day and awarded the pins and badges he purchased.

I recognized the work of Brian K8HY and Alex KE8BTB on the huge American Flag that was raised on the Forth of July.

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events including the Fox Hunt and the America's Night Out where weather safety was shared. Then he talked about the condition of the radio room the walls and doors have been removed with large dehumidifiers and buckets of charcoal to dry it out. One of the Kenwood HF Transceiver had water pooled on the top. So Dave W8DW took it home to check for damage. The repeater committee held a meeting during Field Day to discuss the possibility of making a regional repeater but was rejected. The grant application we will use toward the repeater has been changed and requires extensive paperwork and perhaps an environmental and/or a historical study. The cost could be significant. Ron KC8YVF recognized those that helped with the recent search and rescue over the Forth of July.

Duane KC8AUY asked about possibly getting the internet down stairs, He reminded that we have 3 shirt orders pending and need 7 more to place and group order then passed around the Care Break sheet in hopes to fill in some slots. Gordy KC8YVD insisted he would not chair this Labor Day Weekend.

Joe N8OSL addressed the meeting were he introduced Dave N8LBF as an assistant then he spoke to the group to encourage participation in The Crim Festival of Races on August 22 at 6 am. Mike KE8AVJ agreed to prepare and give the presentation for the September meeting the subject will be the Raspberry Pi microcomputer.

Dave W8DW reported on conditions and future plans of the area repeaters. Yeasu is still offering Fusion repeater at the special price. Tom N8EUI posed questions about the repeaters.

Mike KE8AVJ shared about a charity run with wine and a possible fund raiser.

At 8:02 John KC8WZM made and Mike KE8AVJ seconded the motion we adjourn to the Ice Cream Social.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Biggby Coffee House
August 20, 2015

At 7:02 Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order with Mike KD8PEZ, Rob KB8IJN, Mike KE8AVJ, Brian K8HY, Mike KD8MMH, Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike N8XPS present.

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

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH had nothing to report due to his absence In fact he had many questions.

Vice President's Report: Mary WB8LZA had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: I reported that I returned to the Red Cross Building to move radio accessories, a power supply and two mobile rigs into the storage room on our shelf. Then I took the last Kenwood radio home for safe keeping.

Treasurer's/Chairman's Report: Duane KC8AUY reviewed the financial reports for June and July. He then reported on the happenings of the last meeting.

When the possible pending T-shirt order was brought up for discussion Brian K8HY suggested getting garments with different fabric. Mike KD8MMH will check with our regular supplier while Brian K8HY will investigate another place he had in mind.

We discussion of the condition of Red Cross basement and the repairs it was said that Ron KC8YVF has the chairs he ordered. Brian K8HY brought up some symptoms they found with the radio he has. Dave W8DW suggested it may have trouble with memory back-up battery because he found a leaky battery in the radio he took home after the meeting. He also suggested removing all back-up batteries from the radios.

Mike KD8MMH reported we have yet to receive money from selling the Lions Tickets.

Mike KE8AVJ confirmed that he will be presenting at the next meeting on the subject of the Raspberry Pi microcomputer.

Dave W8DW reported on the future plan for the repeaters that cover our area. With the purchase of the Fusion Repeater we will receive 10 polo shirts to show off our purchase. He suggested giving a shirt to the 5 members of the repeater committee and offering the other five for auction at the February meeting. Dave W8DW made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion. Mike KD8MMH asked about interference with the repeater that happened to be from Wyandot during a band opening.

Rob KC8IJN reported, showing pictures, on safety up grades made to the club trailer.

Dave W8DW reported on Field Day recognizing those who had participated especially Mike KE8AVJ and his work setting up the Mesh network. Then upgrades were discussed. Mike KD8MMH reminded the board of the Crim festival of races coming on the 22nd and the changes made to the upcoming Emergency Expo on October 17th. He then said he had making calls to fill open slots in the Care Break schedule. Hopefully we will have a good turn out so some of us wont have to camp at the rest area.

The club breakfast location was discussed. It was suggested we remain at Levi's for a few months before trying another restaurant. Dave W8DW thought we may meet at Riverside Family Restaurant SVARA and ARES Christmas breakfast.

On the way out Dave W8DW and Mary WB8LZA will check with Biggby and try to set the date for our next board meeting as close to the regular date and time as possible.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to move date and time to the best Biggby has available.

Tom N8EUI had questions about our repeater so Dave W8DW brought us all up to date. He also took the opportunity to have Rob KC8IJN make updates to the Harmonic Newsletter. Thank you Rob KC8IJN for your work on the trailer, newsletter, and more.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:12.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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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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