

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: September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

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

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

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

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

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building

August 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mike KD8MMH, who led the Pledge of Allegiance with 20 members and 2 guests present.

Ron KC8YVF, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Horst KD8ZXR. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, presented the Treasurer's report for June and July. The motion to accept the reports was made by Gordy KC8YVD, and seconded by Mary, WB8LZA. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, discussed the first aid and CPR training that will be held for club members. The training will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6 PM. If you would like to receive a CPR card with your name on it the cost is \$4, the training is free. Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on upcoming ham swaps. Mike KD8MMH, mentioned next year's Dayton ham venture will be held at a new location. More information about this is available on the ARRL website. Mike K8AVJ, reported on field day. It seems like everyone involved had a lot of fun and was well fed. Joe N8OSL, mentioned the upcoming Crim race on August 27 will be the 40th anniversary and they are expecting more attendees than ever. If you would like to help with this event please contact Joe N8OSL, or Ron KC8YVF.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on the national night out event. In general the event went well, there was good turnout and plenty of activity. However, citizen Corps did not hold their station scavenger hunt so our activity was considerably less. Ron also reported that the preparedness Expo typically held at the Birch Run Expo Center

will be moved to the Dort Expo Center in Flint and will be held on October 8. Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests as well as recent, significant 2 meter band openings.

Mike KD8MMH, mentioned we are still looking for a Public Information Officer. If you would like to help with this position please contact Mike KD8MMH.

Mike also informed the membership of the grant proposal being prepared by Jeff KB8SWR and Dave N8ERL, and the board's decision to postpone the vote for funding the project until the Frankenmuth Credit Union has made a decision on the grant proposal. The grant will be asking for \$26,000 to purchase equipment for the full microwave link "dream system" that will give us a data connection to the state EOC and allow other parts of the state to connect to the state EOC through our system.

The Fusion repeater and the Wednesday night nets were discussed. The repeater is working well and has a good signal. The Wednesday night nets are over for now but will most likely return as a seasonal net this winter.

Labor Day care break was discussed and the sign-up sheet was passed around. We still have two shifts that need to be filled one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Mike N8XPS, reported maintenance on the club generator was completed at no charge. Robert KD8RJJ, has agreed to store the generator and perform monthly maintenance tasks free of charge.

Minnie KD8PAZ, took home the 50-50 drawing with a winning ticket number of 214041. Congratulations Minnie. Joe N8OSL, had volunteer shirts from last year's Crim event which he passed out. If anyone is interested in studying for their general class license Horst KD8ZXR, has a study course and CD available. His email address can be found on the club roster.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Ron KC 8YVF, and seconded by Gordy KC 8YVD. The motion passed.

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.

Ares training for this month was the annual movie night.

Ares training for next month will cover Outpost software and the hospital packet system.

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 *Seasonal
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	

Board Meeting Minutes State Street Texan Restaurant

August 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Duane KD8AUY, with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike K8AVJ, Dave W8DW, Anne KB8AWE and Dave N8ERL, present.

Mike N8XPS, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Dave W8DW. The motion passed.

President's Report

The Frankenmuth Credit Union held its grant meeting and the grant was approved. Let me type that once again. The \$26,000 grant was approved. The next steps will be to open an account with Frankenmuth Credit Union in which the grant money will be deposited. Meet with Fred W8FSM (the system installer). Put a design plan on paper and create a list of the equipment that will be purchased.

A motion to open an account at Frankenmuth Credit Union with a balance of \$100.00 to receive the grant money was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH and the motion passed. Mike KD8MMH, will try to set up a meeting with Fred W8FSM, and once sat will notify individuals of the time. The intended meeting place will be Harry Brown airport

Vice President's Report

Mike N8XPS, reported he has the club shirts for Pat and Gary.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

Repeater Committee Report

The Gera receive site is experiencing an issue and is currently down. The matter is being investigated.

General Discussion

The ideal of term limits for officers and board members was again discussed. Individuals who might be interested in the Public Information Officer position were discussed. Concerns about expenses for this year's Field Day event were raised and a limit on next year's expenses was discussed. The possibility of finding a new location was discussed. Making reminder calls to people who signed up for care break was discussed. A large display screen for the club trailer was also discussed and will be raised at the next general meeting. Prorating new member dues was discussed. Mike N8XPS, made a motion to give new members, membership for the remainder of the current year and membership for the next year, for the cost of one year's membership. The motion was seconded by Mike KD8MMH, and passed.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ



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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 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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