

# SVARA Harmonic

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**For ARES Members:** Next training is on Thursday October 24 at 7pm.

(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

## **Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: October 4, November 1, and December 6

## **Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: October 5, November 2, and December 7

## **Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: October 16, November 13, and December 18

## General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm by Judy KC8BYI with 26 members and guests present then led in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Jeff KC8BDQ made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to accept the August minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter.

Jeff KC8BDQ gave the treasurers report for August. Gordy KC8VYD made and Emmett NE8B seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Mike KD8MMH gave a report on the upcoming swap meets.

Ron KC8YVF gave information on the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Expo on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Birch Run Expo Center and stated that the County Emergency Management pulled out due to concerns about guns and militia in the advertising on the Great Lakes Emergency Preparedness Expo website. Ron said we need to get the Club trailer "spiffed up" and radio cables fixed and to have the radios in working order. Ron also stated that at the same time the Preparedness expo is going on, there will also be a Mom to Mom sale in the other half of the expo center. We will not have the County Communications trailer at the event. The State Police will still participate in the event. Ron discussed the relationship between the emergency manager and the radio club.

Judy KC8BYI reminded everyone of the Rosien tower work to take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. She informed the club members that the board decided it was okay to buy the Echo-Link equipment for the Red Cross. Aaron KD8AVA still has his Echo-Link connection up and we will be able to use his as a backup.

Judy gave dates of upcoming club breakfast, board meeting and ARES meetings.

Judy thanked all those who worked at the Labor Day Care Break and especially Mike N8XPS and Gordy KC8YVD for all the help and extra hours they put in. The funds have not been counted yet for a total for the Care Break proceeds.

Jeff KC8BDQ and Judy KC8BYI have stomach flu.

Kevin KD8QAM President of the Midland club was welcomed to our meeting and he gave information of upcoming events for the Midland Club including their upcoming Club Picnic on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Homer Township Park, at 11:00 am and stated that all are welcome to come, please bring a dish to pass. Also the Dirty Dog Run on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Midland City Forest. With a 5K and 10K run.

Ron KC8YVF said there is a SET drill coming up on October 5<sup>th</sup> more information to follow.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by George N8NPW

Kevin KD8QAM inquired about the SVARA Club Trailer. Size and what we used the trailer for. Judy informed Kevin about the club functions where the trailer was used, Care Breaks, Field Day and Holiday in the Heart of the City at the Children's Zoo, National Night Out and other Club events. It was stated that the trailer is 8' x 15' single axle.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron KC8YVF and seconded by Mary WB8LZA. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Dougherty, KD8MMH

Vice - President

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
**September 18, 2013**

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:33 with Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, Mike KD8PEZ, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, Judy KC8BYI, and Mike N8ERL present.

Judy KC8BYI made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to accept the August minutes.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI reported that \$665.51 was made from the last Care Break. She presented an ink pen with a flashlight as a possible give away item. Mike KD8MMH made and Mike KD8PEZ seconded a motion to order a box of pencils to be handed out at the expo. It then determined look in to ordering items like ice scrapers as giveaways for upcoming events. Rob KC8IJN will be able to bring the club trailer to the Great Lakes Emergency Preparedness Expo. Tom N8EUI has bought the Echolink equipment for the station at the Red Cross Building. Ron KC8YVF will see things are set for the work day Saturday the 28th at Rosien Tower.

Vice - President's Report: Mike KD8MMH stopped by the Children's Zoo to ensure the lamp post near where park our trailer will have a live outlet. He was to meet with the man in charge but will continue to try. He ordered flyers from the ARRL. It was concluded that more should be ordered. Mike N8XPS said that he would.

The Treasurer's Report: was reviewed.

Chairman's Report: Duane confirmed that status of our Echolink station. Then he asked about the trailer tires. Jeff KC8BDQ said he would be taking care of buying a new tire. Tom N8EUI is editing videos for presentation. Judy KC8BYI recounted what Ron KC8YVF said he needed to finish the tower project. It was expressed how eager we are to have it completed.

A motion was made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Doris KD8MMG to adjourn and we did at 8:16, goodnight.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary



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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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