

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is October 22, 2015

(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: October 2, November 6, and December 4

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

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

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

All dates are Wednesdays: October 14, November 18, and December 16

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building September 4, 2015

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:00 then led us with the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Secretary's Report: Joe KD8AFM made and Minnie KD8PAZ with a stern request that I get her call sign right in the future she seconded the motion to accept the meeting minutes as published within the Horizon newsletter.

Dave W8DW made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the Treasurer's Report as presented by Duane KC8AUY.

Mike KD8MMH reported on improvements made to the club trailer. Pictures were passed around and Rob KC8IJN.

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on upcoming swap meets that will include Shelby Township, and Wyoming.

Ron KC8YVF made and Mike KE8AVJ seconded the motion to support Mary Etta Steenbergk KE8BVV for membership.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the status of the Red Cross radio room as they are dealing with mold, drying out the walls and floors, with plans to re-hang the drywall. This will take a few weeks.

Dave W8DW reported on upcoming contests including State QSO parties, and a contest for those at Ohio State Parks.

Mike KD8MMH passed around the care break sheet a couple of times because at the late hour a few slots needed to be filled with persistence and a little being they were.

Dave W8DW commented about Field Day. He then reported on the interference we have been experiencing because of band opening. Dave W8DW said that he may be going to attend the state repeater council meeting. The repeater for Dave N8ERL works well but has no tone squelch.

Upcoming Public service events: will include the Crim Festival of Races, and the Emergency Preparative Expo.

With orders placed for three T-shirts we will need seven more to get a better price. It has been suggested to consider shirts with different fabric.

Ron KC8YVF made and Mike KE8AVJ seconded the motion to buy weather radio as a door prize for the Emergency Expo.

Upcoming events: Will include Board Meeting to be on the second Thursday after the first Friday at Biggby Coffee. Ares Training on the 24th and SET on the 26th.

Mike KE8AVJ shared a presentation on the Raspberry Pi.

\$14.00 dollars was won by Nate KD8GOW whom donated it back to the club.

Gordy KC8YVD and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:27.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Bigby Coffee House

September 17, 2015

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:00 with Mike KE8AVJ, Rob KC8IJN, Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Mike KD8MMH, Mary WA8LZA, Mike KD8PEZ, Tom N8EUI, and Ron KC8YVF present.

Dave WD8W made and Mary WA8LZA seconded the motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes as published within the Harmonic Newsletter.

President's Report: Mike KC8MMH reported on when ARES was activated for a Search and Rescue operation in Bridgeport volunteer operators included Ron KC8YVF, Mike KD8PEZ, Dave N8ERL, and himself.

The Vice President had nothing to report.

The Secretary's Report had nothing note worthy.

Treasure's/Chairman's Report: Duane KD8AUY brought out the financial report for the review of the board. Some check still need to clear. Care Break information will be on next months report. \$20 was paid to the state for a required charity form. Plans have changed for the Expo to take place in Birch Run on Oct 17th but not enough to disrupt our efforts.

Mike KD8MMH has not heard any more information on the status of the repairs to the Red Cross Building.

We are still waiting for the money we expect for selling the Lions tickets. Mike KE8AVJ was recognized for his presentation, and said he provide another.

Mary WA8LZA observed 5 minute presentations and thought they could be tried. Ron KC8YVF will present a refresher on the repeater system. Ron KC8YVF and Dave W8DW reported on the repeaters and suggested that a repeater committee meeting is due.

The Board Meetings will take place on Wednesdays at the Bigby Coffee. The Club Breakfast will be at Levi's Restaurant for the next two months. It was suggested we may meet in Freeland for the Dec SVARA/ARES breakfast.

Ron KC8YVF addressed the board about the district meeting sharing that Joe Tuscher N8OSL and Dave Wallick N8LBF will trade positions. He then spoke about the search and the repeaters.

Board members placed T-shirt orders the club decided to flush out the order with popular sizes.

Mike KD8MMH made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:42.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
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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 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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