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Elections

It is election time again and we need members to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to enrich and help shape the future of SVARA. So be sure to start thinking about who you want to represent you next year. We will take nominations again before the elections are held this Friday. Check the General minutes for current nominees.

Holiday Pot Luck

Be sure to bring the whole gang and your favorite holiday treats to the meeting this Friday! The club will spring for punch and coffee. Please make a little extra since we invited 150 or so local hams to join us. Arrive early, food starts at 7:30 pm with the meeting at 8:00. Door prizes will be awarded compliments of Lou, W8LPV.

January, 2010 Meeting Postponed

The January, 2010 club meeting will be postponed from New Year's Day until January 8th to accommodate our many football fans. It will be held the second Friday of January at 8:00 PM at the Red Cross.

Words from the Old Man

From Jim, WA8GRI:

+++ New Canadian Driving Laws Affect Visiting Hams +++

In looking into the impact of the new Ontario law that requires operation of mobile, two-way radios to be hands free, it was learned that Quebec also has a law that impacts Amateur Radio. In Quebec, driving while holding a hand-held device with a "telephone function" is outlawed. This is true even though the telephone function is not being used. There is no exemption for amateurs.

In Ontario, the new, hands-free law applies immediately to non-residents. Ontario residents are granted a 3-year grace period before the law is enforced. These new laws appear to be consistent with Canadian-US treaty regarding Amateur Radio. Finally, Manitoba has passed a hands-free law that is not yet in force. Enforcement will begin only after detailed regulations have been completed.

Thanks to Marsha Fleming, N8FE of Oak Park, MI for obtaining much of this information from Richard Ferch, VE3KI of Ontario. Rich is Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). The RAC is the national organization for radio amateurs in Canada.

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
November 6, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:03 p.m. with 24 members and guests present. Following introductions and the pledge of allegiance, Jeff KC8BDQ addressed those assembled on the subjects of arrangements of festivities at Children's Zoo, the parade, and Castle Museum. Lou W8LPV motioned to offer \$250.00 towards lodging for Jim WB8SIW seconded by Bill WA8KFC.

Secretary's Report: Correction to call sign of Aaron Beebe to KD8JQK in the October minutes. Motion made to accept minutes with correction made by Gordy KC8YVD seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Treasures Report: Presented by Judy KC8BYI, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Emmett W8EAB.

Vice Presidents Report: No new information on the 501c3 status. Lou W8LPV announced that he will be writing articles for local newspapers and QST introducing Amanda, KD8JAZ as our club's youngest licensed member (she is 11 years old).

Old Business: Jeff KC8BDQ reported that the 9 Rohn 55 tower sections have been removed from Dave, N8ERL'S QTH and on their way to our storage location. Joe K8CQF announced the delay of expected grant funding. Proctoring of Technician License exam set for November 14th 10a.m. at American Red Cross Building. Ron KC8YVF reported on the A.R.R.L. S.E.T. The accumulated score was 295 points from 13 operators. Saginaw County was the only score posted with the state.

New Business:

Nominations:

President:	Duane KD8AUY and Mike N8XPS
Vice President:	Jeff KD8IOK
Treasurer:	Judy KC8BYI
Secretary:	Rachelle KD8UOK
Board member at large:	KC8IJN

Jeff, KC8BDQ showed a Metro Youth Day appreciation award SVARA was presented. Simplification of the dues structure was discussed with a motion to present possible options at the February meeting motion made by Lou W8LPV second by Bill WA8KFC. Dues will not be collected before new structure is voted on. WB8LZA wanted club station opened for Phone Sweepstakes.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Larry, WD8RIK. He pocketed \$16.00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 by motion made by Lou W8LPV second by Joe K8CQF.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
Home of Jeffrey and Judy Weirauch
November 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:17 p.m. with Judy KC8BYI, Jeff W. KC8BDQ, Emmett, W8EAB, Jeff S. KD8IOK, Ron KC8YVF, Lou W8LPV, and Mike N8XPS present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept board meeting minutes as presented in Harmonic made by Jeff KC8BDQ with a second by Emmett W8EAB.

President's Report: Jeff KC8BDQ gave a poor review of the Fort Wayne swap then offered congratulations on success of the licensing course. Discussed update on movement of trailer for upcoming festivities.

Vice President's Report: Update on our federal 501c3 application has been dictated for transcription then board signatures. Work being done on press release for Amanda KD8JAZ to local newspapers and QST. Lou W8LPV suggested the preparation of certificates. Community Foundation grants should be available after approval of 501c3.

Mike N8XPS reports that 152 Christmas invitations are ready to be mailed.

Treasure's Report: presented by Judy KC8BYI approved at general meeting. New dues structure to be ready for review by the board in January. Gathering time at the Children's Zoo will be at 4:30 on November 20th. Club station will be open for Phone Sweepstakes. K9one will perform training at January or February meeting. Emmett W8EAB spoke about plans for future testing and wants to speak with Bob N8YXR about extras. Lou will see to making signs for outside testing location.

Old Business: Jeff KC8BDQ commented on the price of tower mounting brackets at Ft. Wayne hamfest. Ron KC8YVF needs to talk with housing management. Penthouse of Rosien needs measuring.

New Business: Jeff KD8IOK has 8 bottles of water in basement, inquired to location of solar panels. Ron KC8YVF reported they are probably lost. Lifting of tower sections was discussed along with arrangements for acquiring file cabinets and chairs for county trailer.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Emmett W8LPV with 9:07 end.

Respectfully Submitted
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-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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