

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Winter Skywarn Training taking place this Wednesday December 4 at 6 pm at Covenant Hospital in the Lecture Theater. This training will take about an hour. Although not required for severe weather certification, this is a good training to take.

ARES breakfast this Saturday December 7 at 8:30 am at the Texan Restaurant on State Street. This breakfast is in place of our normal December training. The next regular training will be January 23.

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

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: December 6

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: December 7

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: December 18

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
November 1st, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm by Judy KC8BYI

then led in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Jeff KC8BDQ made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to accept the October minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter.

Jeff KC8BDQ gave the treasurers report for October. Gordy KC8VYD made and Ron KC8YVF seconded the motion to accept the treasurers report.

Mike KD8MMH and Ron KC8YVF gave a report on how well the Great Lakes Emergency Preparedness Expo went and how we had many visitors and interested people stopping by our booth.

John KC8WZM drew the winner of the emergency weather radio form the bowl of many entries. The winner of the radio was Garrett Newman from New Lothrop.

Judy KC8BYI gave information on the club trailer cleanup and stated that the tower removal from the trailer was approved by the board.

Jeff KC8BDQ has purchased \$120.00 worth of new updated LED lighting for the club trailer and is looking for anyone willing to volunteer to help with installing the lights. Judy is looking for volunteers to help with other trailer updates such as helping with installing the new tires that were purchased as well as other trailer updates.

Mike KD8MMH gave a report on the upcoming swap meets.

Judy reminded everyone of upcoming dates of club events, club breakfast, board meeting and ARES meeting.

Dave N8ERL gave information on the equipment for sale from the estate of Silent Key Larry Davison WD8RIK. Dave also gave updates on the District 3 meeting which he attended and on the Digital Net using Olivia 8-500, and the Genesee County HF Net.

Emmett NE8B gave information on the upcoming Winter Skywarn training at the Covenant Hospital Lecture Theater on December 4th at 6:00pm.

Brian KA8YXV had questions on the upcoming Winter Field Day to be held in January and if the club was going to participate again this year in the event.

Ron KC8YVF gave updates on the County Emergency Manager requirements and the use of the County Communications Trailer and equipment.

Judy KC8BYI reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting in December which will be our Christmas event with potluck and once again we will have give away items.

Judy then began taking nominations for the open officer and board positions for the club.

Judy once again reminded everyone of the December meeting to start at the normal time of 8:00pm with set-up beginning around 7:30pm. Bring a dish to pass. Bring your spouse, friends, and kids.

The 50/50 drawing was held and \$24.00 was won by Lou W8LPV

Dave N8ERL mentioned that the tower from Silent Key Larry Davison WD8RIK's estate was a very nice tower and gave the address where it could be seen.

A motion to adjourn was mad by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Justin KD8PEV.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike KD8MMH

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
November 13, 2013

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:36 with Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, Mike N8XPS, and Judy KC8BYI present.

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

President's Report: Tom N8EUI ordered the guy wires and other listed parts for the Rosien Tower project.

A warm day and a wild hair led Jeff KC8BDQ to call a friend and remove the tower from the trailer. He then replaced most of the running lights with L.E. D. bulbs.

Duane KC8AUY made and Judy KC8BYI seconded the motion to sell Rob KB8IJN the tower, rotor, and tri-band antenna that was used on the trailer for \$600 motion carried with Jeff KC8BYI apposed because it is overvalued.

Judy KC8BYI asked Joe K8CQF to invite Jim Wades WB8SIW to send messages to Santa Clause at the zoo and the Castle Museum for Pride in the City.

Vice President's Report: Mike KD8MMH reported that he had contacted the winner of the drawing at the Official Emergency Preparedness Expo.

Secretary's Report: Mike N8XPS shared that M.A.R.C. was mentioned in the Hints & Kinks column in the December issue of QST. It also looks like we failed to beat Midland at this years Field Day.

Treasurer's Report: We paid Jeff KC8BDQ for the lights he bought. He said there were evidence the trailer roof leaks. Judy KC8BYI made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to purchase a tarp. We need to buy more checks. Judy KC8BYI will look into the options for the best deal.

Mike KD8MMH will send an e-mail reminder regarding Santa grams at the zoo.

Echolink at the Red Cross is pending. Classes will be looked into.

Duane KC8AUY made and Jeff KC8BDQ seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:22.

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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