

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is the ARES Breakfast on December 12, 2015 at 9am at IHop Restaurant on Tittabawassee Rd.

(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: 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: December 4 at the Saginaw Wesleyan Church 2125 Shattuck Rd near Hermansau

Club Breakfast Dates:

All dates are Saturdays: December 12 @ IHop Restaurant with ARES group.

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

All dates are Wednesdays: December 16

**General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building**

November 6, 2015

Michael KD8MMH opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and introductions at 7:06 with 21 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report: Ron KC8YVF made Gordy KC8YVD seconded the motion to accept past meeting minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

Treasure's Report: Mike KE8AVJ made and Lou seconded the motion to accept the report on the clubs finances as presented by Duane KC8AUY.

Mike KD8MMH handed out more awards that he had Mike KE8AVJ make up special. One of which was a special recognition award for Rob KC8IJN.

Swap Report: That included L'Anse Creuse and Hazel Park, was made by Mike KD8MMH since Minnie KD8PAZ couldn't attend.

Mike KD8MMH reported the Emergency Expo started well the rest of said it ended badly. We were placed in the corner near a stage with a blaring P.A. system. The door prize for the Expo was awarded to Michael West whose name was drawn by our guest Tim June KE8CDY.

Mike KD8MMH has been attempting to contact Jim Wades to ask him if he may come to Saginaw and help us with Holiday Heart of the City.

Upcoming events include the District, Digital, SVARA, and BARC nets. Upcoming meetings Board Meeting at 7:00 on Wednesday at Bigby Coffee, Ares Training at 7:00 on Thursday at The Harry Brown Airport, Holidays Heart in City at 4:30 on Friday at the Children's Zoo and around 10 at the Castle Museum. I have arranged for us to meet at my church for the December meeting. Mike KE8AVJ made and Ron KC8YVF seconded the motion to move the December meeting to the Saginaw Wesleyan Church at 2125 Shattuck. Other events will be the SVARA/ARES breakfast for December will be at IHOP on Sat. Dec. 5th at 11:00am.

The Midland club will be holding a testing session soon, check their web site for date and time.

It was reported by our guest Daniel Guiett KC8ZMM and supported by what Mike KD8MMH heard at the Midland meeting that they are looking for operators to work the radio room on board the Edson for special events.

Gordy KC8YFD made and Lou W8LPV seconded the motion to support Tim June KE8CDY for membership. Duane KC8AUY reported that he paid his money so we voted him in.

Mike KD8MMH inquired to when the next repeater committee may take place. Dave N8ERL reported on updates that have been made to his repeater such as the change in location to Covenant Harrison and reminded it operates on 145.33 with a tone of 88.5.

Ron KC8YVF reminded those assembled of upcoming events and reported on the placement of a new Emergency Manager for Saginaw County. There will be a S.E.T. will be in conjunction among Saginaw, Midland, and Bay counties. District 3 will be holding an HF drill. Winter Field Day will take place in January it has been taken over by another group.

Lou W8LPV passed around fliers announcing a special event station for the NRA.

Dave N8ERL took nominations for board members as of now are.

Michael Dougherty KD8MMH for President
Michael Linton N8XPS for Vice-President
Duane Morris KC8AUY for Treasurer
Michael Elias KE8AVJ for Secretary
Ann Elias KB8AWE for 3yr Board

Let Ron KC8YVF know of updates to be made to the roster. He and Mike KD8MMH reported on the condition of the basement of the American Red Cross Building.

Twenty Two dollars was won in the 50/50 drawing by Ron KC8YVF.

Gordy KC8YVD made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:18.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Biggby Coffee House

November 18, 2015

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:07 with Dave W8DW, Mary WA8LZA, Lou W8LPV, Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, and Mike N8XPS present.

Mike KD8MMH made and Mary WA8LZA seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the board meeting as published within the latest Harmonic newsletter.

Duane KD8AUY recognized the attendance of Lou W8LPV and said he would share with the group.

President's Report: Mike KD8AUY reported that we received a check from the Lions Club tickets we sold for them. The question was raised if we should sell them next year.

Duane KD8AUY reported having our ticket for the "Panther Draw" raffle from Holy Family Catholic Church.

The December General Meeting will be held at the Saginaw Wesleyan Church at the regular time. Mike KD8MMH will bring sodas, and meatballs.

Treasure/Chairman's Report: We reviewed the financial report and the bank statement.

Duane KD8AUY offered an update on a person who is working on getting his ticket and has expressed an interest in club membership.

We discussed the Emergency Preparative Expo and Mike KD8MMH asked if it would be worth participating in.

The estimate for repairing the basement of the Red Cross building is now indefinite. The question was raised if we should look for a new location to hold our meetings and may perhaps serve as a new location for an emergency station.

Duane KD8AUY asked about the Fusion repeater and encouraged a repeater committee meeting. Dave W8DW reported on the plans for moving the Fusion.

With the December meeting coming soon Duane KD8AUY asked we consider the year to come. He also asked to assist Mike KD8MMH so he doesn't do it alone.

A reminder the SVARA/ARES breakfast will be held at IHOP at 11:00.

Duane KD8AUY recognized Lou W8LPV who addressed the board. He passed around copies of a list of suggestions we consider that included.

1. We should be looking for a new & better place to hold meetings.
2. A special committee should be formed that greets new members and guests.
3. A certificate of membership should be given to all new members.
4. Consider mailing meeting notices to all members that include the next meeting program this could be done a few times each year.
5. Contact local High Schools, Delta & SVSU to form amateur radio clubs for the youth. Let them know that the schools, college, and university will receive publicity for their efforts.
6. Work with ARRL to find out if they have lapel pins that our members could wear.
7. Develop a SVARA public relations team that sends press releases to TV news, the Saginaw News, and Township Times.

Lou W8LPV thought he could provide door prizes for another year. He also suggested copying CD's or DVD's to assist people in getting licensed or upgrading.

Duane KD8AUY asked to review this list. Dave W8DW addressed some of the ideas. Mike KD8MMH shared some ideas he has from the Midland Club.

Dave W8DW made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:03.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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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 Biggy Coffee on Bay Rd.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi’s Restaurant

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