

Minutes for the 09/12/2017 SARA Meeting

The meeting was held at Baker College in the SARA Radio Room (room 1632 is occupied with a class). We had 6 members and 1 guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1902 EDT by President Don Warner WB8GUS

Motion by Mike Middleton KF5MYQ, to approve the 8/8/2017 SARA minutes as posted, second by Chuck Defoe, KD8HEK. Motion carried.

Dennis Phillips KC8ETW was not in attendance, so no report this month.

Business:

Club greeted a new guest and perspective member, John Garcia, KE8GXA. John is residing on Grand River Rd in Bancroft.

Don Warner called attention to the **2017 Great Lakes HAMCON** being held October 7 & 8 at Michigan International Speedway. See: <http://glhamcon.org/> for information. It is shaping up to be a great event and warrants your attention! Don reported that the Grand Rapids swap (9/9) was small and the Findlay Swap (9/10) was very good (lots to see and do).

Trent Atkins, KD8HQB, was present and offered the EOC (James P. Capitan Center, Lower Level, Corunna) as a potential meeting place and W8QQQ station area. We will discuss and vote on movement of club location at the next SARA meeting to be held at Baker College. This will require SARA members to obtain a Shiawassee County photo ID badge (More on this later).

Trent is the Shiawassee County Emergency Manager and has desire to get our club involved in the Shiawassee Emergency Management support plan. As discussed in August our group need to get our inventory of skills and equipment updated, get training in Skywarn and Emergency Communication areas for all members. Don Warner will post email to Yahoo Group with some details for members. At this time Trent is planning on a Shiawassee County / White Lake office NOAA "Spotter's Training Class" soon (probably after first of the year). Also, he would like a "live" §IS-700 National Incident Management System Course in the spring. That means if you do not have the training classes §IS-100b and §IS-200b completed (prerequisites) , that you should get going on these (online courses). See: [Incident Command System FEMA training site](#) to get started. As part of this, background checks will be required for ARES, RACES and Shiawassee Co. ID activities. Trent will work with Don Warner to get information to and from SARA members.

Phil Bates AC8FW arrived at this point in the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Middleton K8MID, seconded by Chuck Dafoe KF5MYQ. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 EDT

Post meeting several went to the EOC building to review the area and suitability for SARA's use. Looks very encouraging.

Respectfully Submitted

Don Warner WB8GUS - SARA President