

Minutes for the 03/13/2018 SARA Meeting

The meeting was held at the Shiawassee County EOC in the basement of the Capitan Building at 149 E. Corunna Ave, Corunna, MI 48817 with 7 members and 1 guest in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1905 EDT by President Kevin Middleton K8MID

Motion by Mike Roth AB8VS to approve the 02/13/2018 SARA minutes as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting, second by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH. Motion carried.

Dennis Phillips KC8ETW presented the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the corrected treasurer's report by Mike Roth AB8VS, second by Michael Middleton K8MID. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Dennis Phillips will be reserving the fairgrounds in the next couple of weeks for use on June 23-24 for Field Day 2018.

Pictures of all present at the meeting were taken for County IDs.

Saturday March 24th is the MICON meeting at NWS Detroit/Pontiac in White Lake from 10:00 – Noon. Only 1 representative per county is allowed.

SKYWARN spotter training will be held Saturday March 17th from 9:00 AM until Noon. Location at the Owosso Township Hall 410 S. Delaney, Owosso, MI. Dennis Phillips will be preparing a handout to provide at the SKYWARN Training.

Shiawassee Emergency Management will be offering instructor led ICS 300. The class will be presented on 3 consecutive days: April 13th from 6PM to 10 PM, April 14th from 8AM to 5PM, and April 15th from 8AM to 5PM at the Perry City Hall. Attendance at all 3 sessions is required to pass the class. Prerequisite for attendance at the IS-300 class is completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b. Sign up is on the MITRAIN web site. When signing up for the class, it will be necessary to upload a copy of completion certificates for the prerequisite classes.

The IS-400 class that was scheduled in April has been canceled.

All club members interested in participating in ARES / RACES need to send an email to Kevin Middleton with a list of the ICS classes that they have completed before the April SARA Club meeting. At this time, requirements for ARES participation are undefined. RACES membership is required to communicate with the state EOC. To be qualified as a RACES member in Shiawassee County,

completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b is required.

Dennis Phillips commented that the ARRL insurance has been paid. A copy of the certificate has been placed in the Secretary's records.

The next Amateur license testing will be scheduled the 4th Thursday in April at the Shiawassee County EOC.

Tim Crane will be providing responsible operator training for SKYWARN reporting at the April SARA meeting

An SET is scheduled for Saturday April 28th in the morning from 9:00 to 12:00.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding operational procedures for SKYWARN net. The tentative plan is for one person to check into the NWS net which is held on the W8CMN network (we will be using the 442.350 Fenton Repeater). A local Shiawassee County SKYWARN net will be held at the same time on the Owosso 147.02 repeater using FM.

Discussion was held regarding setting up an Amateur Radio position in the spare office at the EOC.

Anyone that would like to assist with an active shooter exercise on Saturday May 19th, please contact Trent Adkins.

The Michigan QSO Party is scheduled for April 21-22, 2018.

2018 ARRL Field Day is scheduled for June 23-24

Discussion was held regarding increasing visits and leveraging the W8QQQ Facebook page to help generate interest and participation in Amateur Radio in Shiawassee County.

Beginning with the April 10th SARA club meeting, anyone interested in participating in ARES is invited to meet at 6:00 PM in the Shiawassee County EOC. The regularly scheduled club meeting will begin afterward at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Mike Roth AB8VS, seconded by John Garcia KE8GXA. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2032 EDT

Respectfully Submitted
Philip Bates

AC8FW
SARA Secretary