

## Minutes for the 05/08/2018 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 10 members and 1 guest in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1907 EDT by President Kevin Middleton K8MID

Motion by Tom Carpenter KI8AS to approve the 04/10/2018 SARA minutes as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting, second by Don Warner WB8GUS. Motion carried.

Dennis Phillips KC8ETW presented the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Don Warner WB8GUS, second by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

At 1800 EDT, prior to the club meeting, a meeting was held for those interested in ARES and SKYWARN. A SKYWARN meeting is planned for next month June, 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM EDT, prior to the regularly scheduled SARA club meeting.

County IDs for club members that have applied for and passed the background check are still not yet available due to problems with the computer used to create them. A new computer is on order.

No updates have been made to the W8QQQ Facebook page.

Discussion was held regarding maintaining the Yahoo Group.

Discussion was held regarding publicity for Field Day 2018 which is on June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Don Warner will submit articles to Owosso Argus Press and Shiawassee Independent. Discussion was held regarding putting information on the Durand NOW and Corunna NOW web sites. Field Day rules and scoring were reviewed during the meeting. It is planned to set up a QRP station powered by solar energy. Operation is planned as 3A.

Dennis Phillips provided an update on his progress designing a stand-alone APRS radio. An extensive discussion was held regarding APRS tracking and NEMA sentences.

Discussion was held regarding features and interworking between GPS equipped Icom D-Star radios and APRS interworking.

### New Business:

Tom Carpenter reported on VE testing that was held on April 26th, 5 candidates tested and 4 were successful upgrading. Discussion was held regarding providing some type of incentive to entice new Amateur Radio Operators to attend club meetings.

Don Warner reported that he has updated the ARRL Web site with the list of SARA officers.

Trustee for the W8SHI ARES call sign is Al Langdon.

Tom Oliver has set up a W8SHI Zello Channel.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Bates AC8FW, seconded by Mike Middleton KF5MYQ. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1948 EDT

Respectfully Submitted  
Philip Bates  
AC8FW  
SARA Secretary