

## Minutes for the 08/14/2018 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 early at 1849 EDT by Vice President Don Warner WB8GUS

Dennis Phillips' presented the treasurer's report. SARA had a good income in July due to the swap meet. Motion by Tom Carpenter KI8AS to approve the treasurer's report as read, second by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH to approve the 07/10/2018 SARA minutes as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting, second by Dennis Phillips KC8ETW. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

At 1800 EDT, prior to the club meeting, a meeting was held for those interested in ARES and SKYWARN. Discussions centered around the potential need to move the N8DVH and W8SHI repeaters to a new location. Future plans are to hold ARES meetings at 1800 PM on the second Tuesday of even months, except December. The next ARES meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1800 DST.

The swap meet held at Kevin Middleton's house was successful financially for the club and was enjoyable to all those who attended.

County IDs for club members are still not available, waiting on county IT to rebuild the computer used to create the IDs.

### New Business:

Don Warner reported on updates he has made to the club web site. He also commented on some impending changes at the ARRL regarding the Official Observer, ARES, and other items.

Information on the proposed ARES changes is available at: <http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2018-06-20>

Information on the phasing out of the OO program are available at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-adopts-volunteer-monitoring-program-official-observer-program-to-be-retired>

It was noted that the Great Lakes HamCon 2.0 was cancelled due to failure to come to an agreement for the use of the venue. Information at: <https://glhamcon.org/>

Don made note of the upcoming November Sweepstakes.

VE Testing is scheduled for 8/23/2018 at 1900 EDT at the Shiawassee County EOC in the basement of the Capitan Building at 149 E. Corunna Ave, Corunna, MI 48817. Don Warner will be contacting Trent Adkins for access to the building at that time.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Phillips KC8ETW, seconded by Mike Rothe AB8VS

Meeting adjourned at 1920 EDT

Respectfully Submitted  
Philip Bates  
AC8FW  
SARA Secretary