

Minutes for the 09/11/2018 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 8 members and 3 guests in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1900 EDT by President Kevin Middleton K8MID

Motion by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH to approve the 08/14/2018 SARA minutes as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting, second by Don Warner WB8GUS. Motion carried.

Dennis Phillips presented the treasurer's report. Dennis filed our annual non-profit report with the State of Michigan at a cost of \$20.00. Dues were received for 1 person since the last meeting. Motion to approve the report by Mike Middleton KF8MYQ, second by Don Warner WB8GUS. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding several aspects of ARES. The next ARES meeting will be October 9th at 1800 DST.

County IDs for club members were handed out prior to the meeting.

There were no candidates at the VE Testing on 8/23/2018

New Business:

A group is meeting at Baker College on 9/15 at 0900 to clean out the old radio room. Discussion was held regarding on using the Emergency Management trailer to move the equipment and improvements to be made to the trailer.

The Fall Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for Saturday October 6th. Information is available at <http://ares-mi.org>

The Fall MICON EC Meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 20th at 1000. Only 1 person per county is allowed to attend due to space limitations.

A Winter Weather Awareness Class will be held Thursday November 8th at 1900 at the Owosso Township Hall 410 S. Delaney Rd.

Due to the continuing problems with the Yahoo group discussion was held regarding migrating to a Google group. Motion by Philip Bates AC8FW, second by Kevin Middleton to commence migrating away from Yahoo to Google. Motion carried.

Trent Adkins commented on the 5 tropical storms / hurricanes in the Atlantic basin.

Trent mentioned that the Emergency Communications Vehicle has a VHF/UHF Amateur Radio station set up.

Trent Adkins commented on the radio room in the EOC.

Shiawassee is using Smart 911. Send a text message to 67283 for a link to download the new Smart911 APP.

Trent Adkins spoke about NWS Chat. <https://nwschat.weather.gov/> Trent indicated it would be a good idea for SKYWARN participants to apply for access.

To apply for NWSChat navigate to <https://nwschat.weather.gov/create.php>

Fill out the form with the following specific conventions

- Step 2) Select Ham Radio as your affiliation
- Step 3) Common Name on Account. Type in “Shia-mi-ares-**callsign-lastname**” with YOUR call sign and YOUR last name Do not type the “”
- Step 7) Enter the following as your affiliation “ARES-Shiawassee” – do not type the “”
- Step 8) Select Detroit (DTX) on the Weather Forecast Office tab as the approving office.
- All other steps seem self-explanatory
- If you have any questions about the process, bring them to the October Club Meeting which is scheduled for 10/9/2018.
- Once your request for an account has been approved, you will receive an email with your username and other information.
- Please log into NWSChat. You will need to complete a short training course.
- Upon completion of the course, you will receive an email notifying you you have access to the NWSChat application.

Don Warner mentioned the upcoming November Sweepstakes.

Motion to adjourn by Don Warner WB8GUS seconded by Dennis Phillips KC8ETW.

Montion carried

Meeting adjourned at 2034 EDT

Respectfully Submitted

Philip Bates

AC8FW

SARA Secretary