

Minutes for the 11/13/2018 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 8 members and no guests in attendance

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

Motion by Tom Carpenter KI8AS to approve the 10/11/2018 SARA minutes posted online and distributed at the club meeting, second by Don Warner WB8GUS. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Dennis Phillips KC8ETW provided an update on the new Google group.

Kevin Middleton K8MID reported that 4 of our members plus Trent Atkins attended the Winter Weather Awareness class last Thursday 11/8.

Nominations were to keep the existing 2018 officers into 2019 which include President Kevin Middleton K8MID; Vice President Don Warner WB8GUS; Secretary Philip Bates AC8FW; Treasurer Dennis Phillips KC8ETW; Trustees Mike Middleton KF5MYQ, Chuck DaFoe K8DZH, and Mike Rothe AB8VS. The nominations received unanimous approval.

It was observed that the several radio retailers run pre-thanksgiving sales and now might be a good time to purchase the Heil headset/microphones that were approved last month.

Much further discussion was held regarding the Shiawassee repeaters. Tom Carpenter KI8AS made a motion to create a committee to assess communications requirements for Shiawassee County and recommend possible solutions to include relocating the repeaters and other options. Kevin Middleton, Don Warner, Dennis Phillips, and Phil Bates were nominated to be on the committee. Committee's work will be posted on the W8QQQ web site, with input from all county Hams requested. Second by Kevin Middleton K8MID. Motion passed unanimously.

It was reported that the Icom 2820 D-Star mobile radio has been set up in the EOC and is connected to an antenna and is functional. The Icom 7000 is set up in the EOC and is awaiting the installation of an HF antenna.

New Business:

Tom Carpenter reported that the last testing session was very successful with 3 new General class Licensees and 1 new Technician Licensee.

Upcoming events:

November Sweepstakes Phone contest is November 17-19.

SARA Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11th at 1830 EST at Roma's Back Door. DigiKey has provided door prizes for the party, including an ADALM-PLUTO SDR active learning module.

The January SARA meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8th at 1900 in the EOC

An ARES meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8th at 1800 in the EOC prior to the SARA Club Meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck DaFoe K8DZH seconded by Mike Middleton KF5MYQ. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 2023 EDT

Respectfully Submitted
Philip Bates
AC8FW
SARA Secretary