

Minutes for 6/14/2016 SARA Meeting

The meeting was held at Baker College in Building 16, Room 1632 and had five members and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by president Don Warner, WB8GUS.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer Tom Carpenter, KI8AS. A motion to approve by Kevin Middleton, K8MID and a second from Jim Hogsett, KA8BNG was carried by a show of hands.

After a discussion on last month's minutes and the topic of a club donation to Al Langdon, N8DVH, for the repeater replacements (discussion on the lack of an amount of any donation in the minutes), a motion from Kevin Middleton and second Tom Carpenter to approve was voted and carried.

Don Warner discussed the SM-1 Collins microphone owned by the club and the method of selling it on eBay. Money received will go into the club's cash fund. Discussion ended with the following motion from Don Warner: "Set a minimum of \$350.00 and minimum of one week duration and let the bidding begin to see what the result might be. Shipping is not included and to be covered by buyer." A second from Jim Hogsett set it to a vote, which carried. Don Warner will contact Tom Kurtz, W8TEK for working through the eBay selling process. It is suggested that other forums be sent messages about the eBay auction.

Tom Carpenter reported on the current status of the new 'fusion' repeaters. He said that the setup was very easy and that both the 2 meter (147.02 MHz) and 442.400 repeaters now have the Yaesu repeaters operational. The xWIRES is on the 147.02 and has a 100 Hz CTS/DTS. Tom used Al's FT2D handheld for a small demo. He worked K3TH through the America Room to show off the digital capability. We also listened to a 'JA' talking to the east coast. Tom suggests topics of "WIRES" and "Fusion" on internet searches to gain knowledge about capabilities and proper usage. Noted that D-Star had issues (not local) and that appears to be resolved and system working normally.

It was noted that the FT2D units have a \$100.00 rebate through the end of June and that several stores have them for sale till then as well. Expect cost of about \$300.00 when all done.

The audio ID was tried, but could find no way of stopping it from over-riding any conversation so it was removed from the system for now. Bob Wilcox, K8OMS, is working to gather information to update the repeater information on the Web.

It was noted that the old repeaters were about 20 and 40 years old and probably deserved retirement. Also, it is looking promising that the repeater location will stay at the current site.

Discussion on an amount to donate to Al Langdon from the club resulted in Kevin Middleton making a motion to donate \$300.00 from the club to the Al for the support of the new repeaters. A second was received from Jim Hogsett. Noted that several local hams have made private donations and that Al will accept more, if available.

Field day prep seems to be going well. Kevin Middleton informed group he will not be available for the entire event, but will be there to setup trailer and start setup Saturday morning. Group decided to remove required equipment from Baker station to Kevin's house for easier access on Saturday, June 25.

Small group to meet Thursday (6 PM on 6/16) at Kevin's to setup HSMM nodes and computers (invite to any interested). SARA will meet about 10:00 AM on June 25 at the fairgrounds to operate. Looking like two or three stations will be operational.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Carpenter and second by Kevin Middleton was voted to approval at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Don Warner, WB8GUS
for the absent Phil Bates, AC8FW