

Minutes for the 5/10/2016 SARA Meeting

The meeting was held at Baker College room 1632
8 members and 7 guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1902 EST by President Don Warner WB8GUS

Motion to approve the 4/10/2016 SARA minutes as posted on the web site by Tom Carpenter KI8AS, second by Chuck DaFoe KD8HEK. Motion carried.

Tom Carpenter KI8AS presented the treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Kevin Middleton K8MID, second by Jim Hosgett KA8BNG. Motion carried

Several visitors were present and introductions were made including 3 new hams.
Congratulations were made to the new hams.

Old Business:

Field Day June 25th and 26th 2016 – Tom Carpenter KI8AS has everything confirmed for Field Day, including the insurance certificate. Comments were made regarding the placement of the EOC trailer. An overview of Field Day operations was provided for the new hams. Don Warner WB8GUS noted that the press releases have been sent the Owosso Argus Press and the Shiawassee Independent. Don plans to contact an official approximately 30 days out from the event. Don issued a reminder that an email has been sent out regarding a request for a list of equipment that people plan to bring. Discussion was held regarding getting together on a Saturday to test equipment and finalize equipment plans for field day.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding the performance of the 147.02 repeater. Discussion was held regarding replacing the existing equipment on both the 2 Meter and the 70 CM repeaters with Yaesu DR-1X System Fusion repeaters. Yaesu is running a special for clubs until the end of June selling a DR-1X repeater for approx. \$600 each. Discussion was held regarding also adding a Northwest Digital board, which may also allow running DMR. The Duplexers are reported to be in good shape. Tom commented on new XRF reflectors that allow cross-mode operation. Mention was also made that Al may move his 442.400 repeater back to the old location.

Phil Bates AC8FW made a motion that funds donated for a system fusion repeater will be deposited in the equipment fund, and re-allocated to reimburse Al's costs for one of the repeaters. Seconded by Tom Carpenter KI8AS. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Skywarn operations. W8FSM 442.350 (Fenton) is the primary Skywarn repeater the White Lake NWS uses for their northern coverage area. The W8FSM 442.350 repeater is linked to Tom Oliver's Bancroft repeater, 442.625. Tom Oliver has a remote receiver for the W8FSM 442.350 repeater and for the 147.28 Lansing repeater. For further information, please check W8CMN.net. Interest was expressed in operating a severe weather net

on the Owosso 147.02 repeater. Tom Carpenter KI8AS agreed to activate a Skywarn Net. Tom will monitor the repeater during a severe weather watch, and run an active net during a warning.

Kevin Middleton K8MID reported operating the Michigan QSO Party under the W8QQQ call sign. Don Warner WB8GUS and Dennis Shubitowski NS8H operated along with Kevin. Mike Rothe AB8VS also operated and donated his contacts to W8QQQ.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Middleton K8MID, seconded by Tom Carpenter KI8AS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2022 EST

Respectfully Submitted
Philip Bates
AC8FW