

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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assisting the City of Saratoga
affiliated with the Amateur Radio Relay League
part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Board Meeting of January 25, 2012

Held at Don Steinbach's home

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Ray Froess, W6ZF, Secretary

Attendees:

- John Glass, NU6P
- Dave Richie, W6DR
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Ray Froess, W6ZF

Absent: John Lampe, KJ6JPS

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by John Glass, President.

Old Business:

EOC UHF/VHF Antenna: Don said both radios can share the same antenna using duplexers and triplexers. An expenditure of \$60 was approved for Don to purchase the parts.

HF Antenna Installation at EOC: Yin's 1/22 email describes the progress and limitations in great detail. The Board decided that any antenna would be better than no antenna. Don will let Yin know of this decision. John and Dave expressed opinions on what antennas might be suitable.

New Business:

Meeting Topics: February's topic will be "Better Antennas for Hand-held Radios" by Don. Future meeting topics considered are; EchoLink (Rob), Moon Bounce, Emergency Communications 101.

New Member Binder: We discussed giving each new member a binder with a repeater code sheet, list of frequencies, and a contact list. Privacy and permissions would make the contact list more difficult to construct. No conclusion was reached.

Improving SARA Visibility in the Community: We've had club discussions about moving Field Day from Skyline Blvd into the City for more visibility. Not only is this disadvantage for Field Day radio contacts but it has severe safety, permits, and liability issues. The board agreed that adding an event would be better

such as Kids Day; an on-air event to encourage young people (licensed or not) to have fun with Amateur Radio. (See www.arrl.org/kids-day It is 1/8 and 6/18 in 2012)

Increasing Membership: John suggested mailing Yin's postcards to new Saratoga hams. John will see if the league still provides mailing labels. Don mentioned that we give license test session attendees a club business card. We agreed a sheet or brochure would be better. Don and Ray will see if there's sufficient content on the club website to create one.

ARRL Affiliate Update: Our club information needs to be updated. Ray will submit the changes.

Website and Yahoo Maintenance: Christina has been handling this task but has moved out of the area. Ray will give John some specifics that need to be done and John will then discuss them with Christina.

Historical Information: Don went through the box of historical information that Christina, as club historian, had received from Lou DeGive's daughter. Don will keep historic and emergency items and gave the document and official correspondence binders to Ray.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned about 8:40 pm.