



Minutes of Meeting of March 6, 2013

Saratoga Fire Department

These Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ray Froess, W6ZF, Secretary

Attendees:

- Andrew Barnes, KW6P
- Stu Bartlett, AG6HD
- John Burnett, KK6BSP
- David Blessing, KF6NHG
- Henry De Kruffy, KE6HOU
- Herman De Kruffy, KI6ETZ
- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Donald North, AK6DN
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Tom Server, NT6S
- Margaret Smith, KC6LEV
- Roger Smith, KC6LEW
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by John Glass, President. He asked the attendees to introduce themselves around the room and circulated the attendance roster.

Old Business:

SARA Secretary: John asked attendees if anyone was willing to run for the position of Secretary. No one volunteered so according to the bylaws, Ray will continue in this position until we elect a replacement.

New Business:

Minutes Approval: The minutes for February were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported on the finances and gave the bank balances. We now have approximately 22 paid members.

Net Check-in Report: Don reported we had 18, 20, 15, and 15 check-ins respectively for the Sundays in February. The March EOC-EOC test was success.

Topic for April's Meeting: The topic hasn't been finalized.

Program:

Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, presented "Emergency Communications in Silicon Valley." Larry explained the differences between ARES and RACES, the role of Disaster Service Workers (DSW) and Mutual Aid Coordinators (MAC), and modern packet communication. There's a wealth of information at <http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm> and we hope to post his slides so others can benefit.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.