



Minutes of Board Meeting of April 24, 2013

Held at Saratoga Fire Station

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

Attendees:

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

Absent: Chuck Erickson, KC6YFA

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by John Glass, President.

Old Business:

This was the first board meeting this year so there was no old business.

New Business:

Keeping K6SA website updated: Don discussed this with Christina Sand. The interim solution is to post the minutes on Don's website and to have links from K6SA to them. This does not solve the issue of other content updates such as upcoming meetings, activities such as Field Day, etc.

Have meeting topics at least a month in advance: We agreed that we need to know the topics well in advance so we can properly advertise them and people can calendar them. A general discussion on increasing meeting attendance and membership ensued. It was concluded that we need topics of broader interest and to more effectively promote them. Dave recommended that we have an abstract of the content and credentials of the presenter which was successful in the past. A survey questionnaire (SurveyMonkey) was proposed to identify the interests of those on our Yahoo reflector. John will head this up. Dave will present "VP2ME, the ARRL DX CW contest" in May and our June topic will be preparation for Field Day. We don't have meeting in July or August.

Secretary Position: As we haven't had anyone willing to take on the position, Ray will continue.

Backup plan when Don's away: Ray has filled in for Don for the monthly EOC radio test. Lyle Topham and possible Madeline Lipford or others could also fill in. Don can continue to manage the Net Control assignments for the club's Sunday net using EchoLink.

Annual Filings: We are up to date on all required filings. The SI-100 is to be filed ever two years from the date of incorporation which became every odd year. The 2011 filing was missed and late filed in 2012. To make sure we don't get a penalty Ray will file again this year returning us to an odd year cycle.

Activity Idea: Dan proposed setting up a public demonstration of various forms of communication similar to what RACES has done to stimulate interest in ham radio. The issue was who would do it which lead back to the discussion of growing the club membership.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.