

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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assisting the City of Saratoga
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part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Meeting of February 5, 2014

Saratoga Fire Department

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

Attendees:

- John Burnett, KK6BSP
- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- George Gadd, KG6PHK
- John Hulme, KJ6GMR
- Tim Nelson, KJ6YSZ
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Gary Smith, KI6QXS
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by David Ritchie, President. Attendees introduced themselves and the attendance roster was circulated.

Old Business: (None)

New Business:

Board of Directors: Dan Sturges who was elected Secretary for 2014 is unable to serve. Ray will temporary continue as secretary. David asked that anyone willing to fill that position contact him.

Minutes Approval: The November and December minutes were approved. (The January meeting had been canceled.)

Treasurer's Report: Don gave the finance report. There are 12 paid and 9 voting members so far. We had 6 renewals at the meeting.

Net Check-in Report: Don reported January had 14, 14, 16, and 19 check ins.

Emergency Services Report: Saratoga in net control for SVEC on February 25.

Calendar Items: A Tech license class will be on May 24. We could use a few more instructors.

Next Meeting: March 5. Please submit proposed program topics to David Ritchie.

Program: "Advanced Lighting Technology – A Ham's Perspective" was presented by David Ritchie, W6DR and Walter Spector, W6WS. They discussed the PG&E tiered rate schedule and cost saving with LED replacement lamps. Efficacy, light color, dim ability, and RFI are considerations in choosing them. Walter demonstrated a variety of lamps while David measured RFI. Attendees enjoyed the presentation and it continued well beyond the planned time.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.