

Minutes for Meeting of January 6th, 2016
Saratoga Fire Department

Attendees:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 by John Glass NU6P, President. Attendees introduced themselves and the attendance roster was circulated. There were 7 SARA members and 1 guest (Zachary w6zyn) present.

Old Business:

Elections need to be held. A board meeting also needs to be held.

New Business:

Christine Sand is now a Silent Key. We discussed making a contribution in her memory to her sons high school science center.

We discussed holding elections via email proxies in order to get a quorum. We need to look at the Bylaws to see if it could be held valid. This may require modification of the Bylaws.

Minutes Approval:

November and December minutes were sent to the email list and to Don for posting on the web site for approval.

Walter needs to send Don copies of Feb, Apr, May, and June minutes.

Treasurers Report:

Bank balance:: \$4,967.54

Cash on hand: None

Paid members: 22

Bills outstanding: PO box rent will be due by the end of February (probably \$80.00). We also owe Roger \$??? for Baofeng HTs.

IRS filings: Walter has it in process...

Net Checkin Report:

Net checkings for December: 16, 16, 13, 16

SARA will be the SVECS net control on January 26th.

Emergency Services Report:

EC Council meeting on February 18th. County-wide Quarterly ARES/RACES communications

exercise on February 27th.

Any news on EOC move? Not much.

Calendar Items:

Tim Maguire would like to speak at the March 2016 meeting on changes to the county auxiliary communications service.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 3rd. Jim Yoke will be speaking.

Don Steinbeck will be speaking at the April meeting.

Program: We decided to share personal ham stories and do a Show and Tell. John brought a DMR radio and introduced us to some of its capabilities. Vern is, of course, our elder statesman – having been first licensed in 1939! He is currently experimenting with off-center fed antennas. Yin talked about joining the Pasadena Radio Club. Roger brought an old Hammarlund HQ-129X receiver and a Instructagraph morse code sounder. Margaret told us about her fathers ham radio adventures – including running the club at Homestead High School. Walter brought an early 1960s Trio (now Kenwood) short wave receiver.

Raffle: A drawing was held for the Baufung UV-82 HT. John won, but presented it to Zach.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.