

Minutes for SARA Meeting of January 9, 2019
Saratoga Community Center

Attendees:

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by John Glass NU6P President. Attendees introduced themselves and the attendance roster was circulated. There were 13 SARA members and 3 guests present.

Minutes Approval:

November 2018 minutes were posted on the SARA web site. Ron Jones motioned for approval, Walter seconded. Passed by the membership.

Old Business:

The repeater battery was discussed. It will be about \$75 to replace it.

New business:

Ron Jones has taken over coordinating and running the Sunday night net management from Don. Thanks Ron!

Elections will be held tonight. (See below for results.)

Treasurers Report:

Bank balance: \$5,082.13 in the bank account + \$0.00 cash

Cash on hand: \$0.00

Don has a \$155 check to send out for the SI-100 filing.

Paid members: It is time to renew! 22 were paid up through the end of last year.

Bills outstanding: K6SA repeater battery. (Don would like his back.). Our PO box is paid through Feb 2019. It will be \$96 to renew for another year.

Our web domains were somehow invaded by viruses. We expended \$479.76 to clean it up. This includes two years of web domain registration and protection against further corruption. It was approved by the membership.

Net Checkin Report:

Again, Ron Jones has taken over net responsibility from Don. Ron is now placing the web checkins and totals in a spreadsheet and uploading a copy of it to the web site. Average checkins from November, December, and the first weeks of January were in the 20-25 range – with a maximum of 27 and a low of 18.

There is a 12 person rotation of net control ops. We could use some fresh faces.

Emergency Services Report:

There is a county drill this month. Please check the ARES/RACES web site for more information. (<https://www.scc-ares-races.org>)

Don sent out a DRAFT Saratoga EOP. Any responses are welcome.

Check your DSW cards for expiration date. Ask for Lori McKenna. Michael Taylor can swear us in. This is done every other Friday. Be sure to get the ARES/RACES endorsement on the card. Check the city web site for details. (<https://www.saratoga.ca.us/224/Emergency-Preparedness-and-CERT>)

Calendar Items:

Next SVECS breakfast is the 4th Saturday in Jan. Cost is \$5 at the door at the Senior Center in Santa Clara. See their web site at <http://www.svecs.net/> for details.

Elections

A slate of proposed new officers was presented to the membership. These were:

- Ron Jones AJ6EG – President
- Peter Melhus KM6TUV – Vice President
- Jeff Walker N6ADE – Secretary
- Don Steinbach AE6PM – Treasurer
- Walter Spector W6WS – Board member at large
- John Glass NU6P – Board member at large

A motion to approve the slate was made by Morris, and seconded by Walter. The slate was voted on and approved by the membership. Thank you all!

Program:

Marcel Steiber AI6MS – Designing Off-Grid Solar Systems for Radio Sites.

Next Meeting:

February 6th, 2019 or March 5th, 2019?

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.