

Minutes for the Board Meeting on March 19, 2019

Attendees:

Ron Jones, AJ6EG
Peter Melhus, AA6PM
Jeff Walker, N6ADE
Don Steinbach, AE6PM
John Glass, NU6P

Meeting called to order by Ron Jones at 19:30

Approval of the previous board minutes

Ron moved, seconded by, passed unanimously

Special assignment review:

Meetings & Events Chair - Peter

- Schedule is rather full for all of 2019
- May QRP
- June DMR
- July Packet
- Aug Event (TBD)
- Sept TBD
- Oct Message Passing
- Nov The origins of Silicon Valley
- Dec J-Pole antennas

Training – Don

- This task force does include Morris, Don, Peter and Ron.
- Maybe some focus on the ARES side of the club
- Comment injected that we need to ensure we do not leave out those NOT interested in emergency communications
- John mentioned training new Hams should be a focus
 - Some focus on Em Comm
 - What to do
 - What to take
 - Suggest a few common radios
 - Follow up session
 - Local frequencies
 - Local contacts (email, phone, location) of possible mentors
 - How to overcome mic fright
 - Baby steps for newbie site
 - SARA ARES/RACES need to reboot our DSW program
 - Periodic training on what to get started

Outreach to local clubs – Ron

- ARES – Cupertino / Los Gatos

Miscellaneous – Jeff

- Badges for executive committee (with title)
- Badges for all members

Membership – John

- SARA has been around about 30 years now
- Maybe US mail to new Saratoga hams with SASE to signup
- Suggestion was maybe all hams in Saratoga
- Maybe take PayPal
- Improve our brochure
- Come up with a schedule of events
- 30th anniversary special occasion or something?
- Comment about: We have an infusion of new hams...need to ensure their needs are being met
- Broaden our scope
- Repeater frequency
- After net discussions

Immediate tasks

- Write up a cover letter for new Saratoga Hams
- Improve our flyer
- Improve our online application

Other discussion

- Student discount?
- Family rate at \$30, individual at \$20
- Ensure we have or acquire k6sa@gmail.com
- Check into who has the forwarded email for K6SA@ARRL.NET
- Ron is ok with his phone number being on the web site

Meeting adjourned 21:10

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Walker, Secretary