

SEARC July 7, 2015 Business Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the June meeting were read with one correction. The entry about the July 18th swapfest should have read 'Marlin's' truck stop instead of 'Larry's' truck stop. After correction the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report accepted as read. Balance \$7126.63

VE testing report we have on candidate scheduled for the July 14th test session. We discussed having a licensing class either in autumn 2015 or winter 2016. We also discussed whether to have training for a Technician or General license class.

Technical Committee the feed lines have been removed from the Menlo site. One is being stored with Chan, KB0ECO. The tower is going to be sand blasted and painted. The painting is due to be completed in October 2015.

Chan, KB0ECO, also reported that a Hy Gain Explorer 14 triband beam has been donated to the club. We did not decide what to do with it.

Glen, KD0ZP, said the club has a surplus wooden box that used to be used for our repeater. It has been replaced by a steel cabinet. We will try to sell to box at the swapfest.

The club made and approved a motion to send the LDG autotuner from the club FT-897 in to LDG for repair.

The new Fusion repeater is on the 444.200 machine and working well.

Bill, KC0DAS, reported an intermittent issue of what sounds like a heterodyne on the 146.895 repeater. We will ask the Technical Committee to look at the problem.

We discussed putting up the Alpha Delta DXCC multiband antenna on the tower at the Emergency Management bldg. We decided to wait until after the MS Bike Ride to attend to it.

It was noted that KD0TE has been attempting to access the SEARC repeaters again but having little success.

Field Day Will, KE0Z, gave a summary of the club Field Day results. We made a total of 778 QSOs including a large number of 6 meter contacts. We also earned 1,070 bonus points. Bill, KC0DAS, offered to take care of QSL requests.

Picnic We decided to have the August business meeting in conjunction with a picnic at a local park. Dan, KD0BUF, volunteered to procure a site with upper Tuthill as first choice. The club will provide chicken for all. Members with last names beginning with letters A thru M will bring salads and N-Z will bring desserts. Will, KE0Z, volunteered to get chicken from Bob's Chicken.

MS Bike Ride & Walk Bill, KC0DAS, gave an update on the August 1st MS Bike Ride. Everything is still on track. The MS Walk takes place on September 19th and will have a new route this year.

Swapfest It was mentioned that ticket sales are the only source of funds during the swapfest so we are encouraged to try to sell as many as we can. A flyer was distributed with a list of prizes and ticket prices. The swapfest takes place at Marlin's truck stop on July 18th from 9AM until noon. We decided to try to sell some of the club antenna stands.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM