

SKENOH ISLAND ARC
05/08/2024
ONTARIO COUNTY EOC

Meeting called to order by Vice President Sandy KA2HQZ at 7:30 PM or so

Attending:

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| 1. Sandy, KA2HQZ | 11. Bill, N2BH |
| 2. Steve, WB2VMR | 12. Jay, KC2TCM |
| 3. Wes, W2WES | 13. Todd, W2ODD |
| 4. Mark, KD2ZLR | 14. David, KC2DQS |
| 5. Sabrina, WD2STK | 15. Paul, KD2DO |
| 6. Dave, N2JOR | 16. Bill, W2LVP |
| 7. Norm, WB2GGH | 17. Jeff, KD2VQZ |
| 8. John, WA2SSJ | 18. Pat, KD2PER |
| 9. Dave, N2EZY | 19. Jerry, W2TXB |
| 10. Vern, K2VJK | 20. Dave, KD2VNV |

SECRETARY REPORT---Approved.

TREASURER REPORT--- VP Sandy reported unchanged balance of \$3,089.42 from last month, approved.

RACES: Steve, WB2VMR, reported the ARES kickoff meeting will be 5/14 at the EOC. All RACES repeaters are operational, the new repeater for SIARC has arrived and is yet to be installed. Help solicited and appreciated. Paul KD2DO noted the state digital net on 3.583 mHz at 0730 Sundays.

RACES/ARES YATES COUNTY: Mark KD2ZLR reported that he became Yates County EC on May 8. His efforts to organize amateur radio emergency preparedness in Yates County continue.

COMPLETED EVENTS:

Drumlins Hamfest saw a good day, per Jay KC2TCM, who also noted the tailgating area was packed, weather was good, and Tom KB2NCI won a door prize.

Wild Water Derby went well, per Todd W2ODD.

Seneca 7: Per Bill W2LVP, 8 hams participated, event started early, ended late with a good showing. Weather held up despite a little rain, and only incident involved one runner's going off course. VP Sandy noted that the event made a \$500 donation to the club.

SIARC BREAKFAST: May4: went well, smaller turnout.

VE TESTING: 8 applicants, 1 or 2 passed general, 2 extras, and rest were technician class.

FIELD DAY: 6/22, 23 will be held at Big M Gun Club in Clifton Springs, setup assistance will be needed, as always, and the event should conclude by Sunday morning. Jay KC2TCM noted building at site is still there, although some construction is underway. Should be plenty of room available for FD. Estimated cost about \$200 for both days, but a nominal donation should be enough. Site is ready to go. See Steve WB2VMR after meeting to sign up for FD shirts: \$15 each after \$10 club subsidy. Order goes in tomorrow. Tom KB2NCI noted this year is the 52d anniversary of Hurricane Agnes and its effect on the Southern Tier.

FUTURE PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS:

AWA Spring Meet: meet and flea market will be May 4, across road from AWA.

Tour de Cure: Starts at FLCC, contact Mike Moore or rochesterham.org for info and sign up

Shortsville FD parade: June 14, 6 hams needed, contact Tom KB2NCI.

MARS crossband test: forthcoming, details on web.

OPERATING NEWS:

Pat, KD2PER, was at Long Key in Florida, where his POTA activation netted 15 contacts.

Rig programming: CHIRP seems to be most effective, and free, for most radios. Tom [KB2NCI](#) suggests downloading from myradio.com rather than DanPlanet.org. Discussion of programming cables followed with suggestion that Prolific PL2303 may fail, FTDI cables are needed for most programming tasks, and the RT Systems cable won't work with CHIRP.

Handheld Ideas: Steve WB2VMR noted several versatile handhelds with current prices (Alibaba.com for most)

Baofeng UV17R	\$29.27
" " UV17ProGPS	28.24
Radtel 730	31.04
" " 470x	23.23

Steve WB2VMR noted the UV17R has 10 watt input, and 999 channels.

Shop around. Prices change. Above may no longer be valid.

Adjourned 8:30 or so.

RS: John WA2SSJ