

SKENOH ISLAND ARC
11/08/2023
ONTARIO COUNTY EOC

Meeting called to order by President Tom KB2NCI at 7:30 PM or so

Attending:

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| 1. Tom, KB2NCI | 8. John, WA2SSJ |
| 2. Steve, WB2VMR | 9. Dave, N2EZY |
| 3. Wes, W2WES | 10. Vern, K2VJK |
| 4. Mark, KD2ZLR | 11. Bill, N2BH |
| 5. Rich, WB2JLR | 12. Ken, K4RSQ |
| 6. Keith, WA2OFF | 13. Doug, KD2LGE |
| 7. Sandy, KA2HQZ | |

SECRETARY REPORT---. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT--- Stan is absent, reported balance of \$2,869.77

RACES: Steve, WB2VMR, reported simulated emergency test on 11/04 had 13 participants, 15 messages, and 7 stations on emergency power. ARRL report totaled 177 points. Hyper Reach was used for callout; tell Steve if you didn't get callout message from 911. Another drill will be planned for about six months out; meanwhile it was good to see as many participants as we had, especially 4 new members.

STATE AUXCOMM training at Oriskany will have 4 RACES members attending.

STATE COMM-T course has been completed by Steve, a 5 day program with 4"+ manual; learned that state has much equipment to be used by counties affected by emergencies.

REPEATERS: All RACES repeaters worked OK for SET; Geneva 147.090 still to be updated.

SIARC BREAKFAST: Tom reports next breakfast 11/18, 0800, Villager Restaurant, Canandaigua., All invited.

WINTER SKYWARN: Online training available 11/28 from 1100 to 1230; Tom has website info if needed. Also weather service may present in person program in spring, Sandy KA2HQZ working on it. Also, the February speaker for SIARC meeting will be from HamSci.com, the topic to be forthcoming solar eclipse 4/8/24. Note that for storm activation, weather service Buffalo uses 145.110 repeater, and spotter info can be phoned in. Steve WB2VMR noted that in event of emergency, any station can be NCS initially. Tom noted 145.450 should be activated by first station available in event of emergency, then other stations check in.

VE TESTING: will resume in January; no candidates for this session.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Tom noted Stan WM3D had approval for SIARC annual party at AWA on 12/13. Start should be around 1800 or 1830; attendees encouraged to bring dish to pass and table settings, Steve WB2VMR suggested email if planning to attend to better manage AWA pizza acquisition. Tom noted the club will provide drinks. A donation by the club to AWA should be considered in the future, and all SIARC members are encouraged to join AWA, a national resource. Dave N2EZY can handle memberships.

JANUARY MEETING: Tom noted the annual flea market for the club will take place at the regular January meeting. Bring equipment and/or cash.

FIELD DAY: Tom will reserve EOC as a backup for 2024 Field Day; other sites should be considered. Ideas should go to Jay, KC2TCM. Doug KD2LGE noted Farmington parks are available but no overnight operations can be done. Gannet Hill is another possibility. Start discussion now rather than last minute.

OPERATING NEWS: Rich WB2JLR reported on activities on the NY QSO party, for which SIARC sponsors two trophies, and on recent DX, including Botswana and Cameroon on 80m.

MEMBER PROFILES: Tom solicited volunteers to be profiled in the *Smoke Signal*. Contact Tom if willing.

PROGRAM: Sandy KA2HQZ and Dave N2EZY and Rich WB2JLR, reviewed questions from Amateur Extra

pool

Adjourned 9:05 or so.

RS: John WA2SSJ