

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: At 7:15 by President Scott Teresi N2UMH, with 18 attendance. Scott went immediately to the guest speaker Matt Schaertl who is the Chairman of the Finger Lakes White Water Derby. This water paddle competition was a popular community event from 1970 until 1996. During those years between 10 to 20,000 spectators viewed watercraft contestants who navigated the Canandaigua Lake inlet between the lake and Littleville, NY. After a long cessation, the Shortsville Chamber of Commerce decided to resume the event five years ago. The popularity of the event has increased every year to where it is the 2nd largest paddle event in NYS and the 5th largest in the USA. With the increased popularity come increased problems in logistics, many of which stem from the need for better communications. Our group has agreed to help in this effort by providing amateur radio communications at three locations: 1. At the beginning. 2. At the finish line. 3 At the park. Scott N2UMH will remain in communications with Matt Scharetl to work out the particulars. It was thought that it could be a good opportunity for a Special Events Station also. The web-site address is www.wildwaterderby.com

SECRETARIES REPORT: At 7:49 the previous months minutes were read by Ray Dreimiller AB2UY and accepted.

TREASURES REPORT: At 7:51. Stan Avery WM3D treas. Reports no changes to account, which remains at \$1013.93. The report was carried and accepted. In addition Stan brought out the November 1967 QST magazine, which had an article on our SIARC club. He named all the officers back then along with their calls. It appears that all are silent keys, with the exception of Leonard Coleman WA2BMM who currently resides in Bonita Springs, FL. Many of the calls have been picked up by various organizations such as ours K2BWK, and W2ONT, in memory of these persons.

HOSPITAL STATION: Dave Foster reports no new news.

VE TEAM: Dave Foster AB2WZ reports that at the last session which attended by himself, Ken Hall, Ray and Russ Dreimiller, we had one person who up-graded from novice to tech to general class, with all perfect scores. Dave also gave us a summary of our team for the past years from beginning of the team to the present:
2008- April to December had 26 applicants with 26 elements passed.
2009- we had 38 applicants with 42 elements passed.
2010- we had 2 applicants with 3 elements passed.

SUNDAY NET: Tom Sanders reports that the average of 8.5 check-ins has increased to between 10-13. He encourages us to keep checking in this net along with the Sunday morning State RACES net at 3993.5 at 9AM. Also Dave Taylor KB2KBY of Wayne County, encourages us to check into their net on the 146.745 no tone on Sundays at 8:45 PM. It is a good idea if the two counties support each other, in the event that we need each other assistance in critical times.

AWA ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM: Ron Roach W2FUI reported on the Washington, DC trip for all of those who missed the Christmas Party. It was very impressive display there, and they are very excited about the great progress that is going on here in East Bloomfield.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Sanders KB2NCI reminded us about the up-coming 4H Expo at the Canandaigua Middle School on March 13. All those interested in participating should get in touch with Tom.

ARES/RACES: Scott N2UMH stated that everything is shut down in the radio room because of the impending move of equipment to a new, and larger location. Also, that the Department of Health drill will be in May. Scott reports that the new 911 center building is up and going. John Parks WA2SSJ had a tour of it during the SET drill where he was assigned.

UNYREPCO LETTER: In the last Smoke Signal Scott included a letter from UNYREPCO who coordinates the repeaters in Western New York. They would like us to join and become voting members. There are two levels of membership. Our level would cost \$20 per year. It was stated that if we join, we need someone to attend the meetings. We tabled the proposal until the next meeting.

SET DRILL: VP Steve Benton WB2VMR passed out a handout that outlined the results of the drill for group de-briefing. It was felt that the drill was an overall success, and went well with the 27 station contacts. Scott N2UMH emphasized that we should use whatever means be it cell phone, relay from another repeater, or whatever to contract net control with your location and if you are able to participate. Also, it is extremely important when working with the hospitals to have the contact information along with your mandatory identification upon arrival. We have learned much from this drill, and will continue to work on improving future logistics from the experience that we gained here. The overall operation has proved to ourselves, and the county that we will be an invaluable communications resource if an when a situation arises where we are needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED; At 9:45 Minutes submitted by Ray Dreimiller AB2UY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

N2UMH Scott Teresi
AB2UY Ray Dreimiller SR.
KC2OHL Ray Dreimiller JR.
WA2LTH Russ Dreimiller
KE4VHA David Furber
Bob Hess
AB2WZ David Foster
W2FUI Ron Roach
KC2TCM Jay Hamill

WD2STK Sabrina E. Hamill
KC2VQZ Dave McCrossen
Matt Schaertl - Guest Speaker
KB2NCI Tom Sanders
WB2VMR Steve Benton
KB2KBY Dave Taylor
N2YZS Vern Kunes
WM3D Stan Avery
KC2JTU Gib Buckbee