

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 by President Tom Sanders KB2NCI with 23 members and guests in attendance. The VE testing session was still being conducted but Tom took the opportunity to welcome a newcomer Charles Meyer of W. Bloomfield. The August meeting was the annual club picnic, which went well and will be held again next year but is an informal meeting. Therefore, the July meeting notes were read by Club Secretary Ray Dreimiller Sr., AB2UY and they were accepted and entered into record.

TREASURES REPORT:

Was read by Club Treasurer Stan Avery WM3D. Stan made mention of a letter of thanks that he received from the Cheshire Fire Department for the \$200 dollar donation they received from the SIARC Radio Club in memory of club member Roger Kessler, KD2RPK who recently passed away and \$2,000 of memorial donations received on behalf of Lee Schutt, WA2LEE. Being the beginning of our fiscal year, Stan then collected membership dues which included a onetime amount of \$100 for a lifetime membership in the club for Russell Harris N2IZV. The club account now stands at \$3588.35 which was then accepted and entered into record. Tom made mention of the fact that that amount reflected the excess unused money collected from the DSTAR project and \$2000 of Memorial donations received on behalf of Lee Schutt. This amount will be used for club sponsored summer camp program, for the next five years.

GANETT GENEVA AND DSTAR REPEATER:

Steve Benton WB2VMR reports that the new 4 element dipole antenna is up on the Ganett repeater at a height of 60 feet on the tower with hardline coax running to the repeater. The Omni radiated signal pattern is working great especially to the east. The county put it up for us as stated in the July minutes. The charge was around \$500 for the man lift and around 4 hours of labor whatever that will be.

Dave Mette W2ACC reports that the Geneva Repeater is working well. Dave reports that there are some software problems with the Stanley repeater which has the reliability of total battery operation. The internet was down about a week ago but back now. The club thanks Dave for his work and efforts on this repeater and to Vern Kunes K2VJK for the donation of the repeater and Dave Foster who did the work of obtaining the antenna for the site. Dave mentioned that we should put together some letter of thanks to Mobil Tech who provides the internet for this repeater along with the installation of the antenna on the tower which is up at the 200 ft level. There will be a DSTAR repeater in Junius, NY soon and there is one up at RIT college now.

CLUB T-SHIRTS AND DAYTON:

John Greco KD2GTA reports that he has been given a quote of \$15 a piece for an order of 20 one color shirts from Razel Dazel designs in Phelps. There will be additional charges if we want a two color or names embroidered on the shirts. John will submit a detailed itemized quote for the shirts along with sweat shirts and club hats for Tom to copy and pass out to the members so a decision can be made.

John reports that there were not enough participants to justify a bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest. There are around 5 or 6 going with more room in the cars, but if you would like to go you should obtain room accommodation because they are running out.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS:

Tom Sanders reported that the July MS Bike 150 Event in PennYan, which is a joint SIARC/Drumlin officiated event, went well. The Red Cross Run for the Red in August also went well after the rain quit. The Finger Lakes Triathlon will be held on September 13 th from 7am till 1pm. Tom could use at least two more volunteers. The Pumpkin Patrol will be on October 30 and 31st. Let Tom know in advance if you can help so he can coordinate with Dave Taylor who is the organizer of the event.

HANDBOOK RAFFLE:

Tom Sanders sold \$3 raffle tickets to the meeting members for the ARRL Emergency Power book. William Glosick KD2CZW won the prize.

VE REPORT:

Dave Foster AB2WZ reports that there were 3 test applicants all from out of town that came. One from Painted Post, one from Buffalo and one from Batavia. There were two tech and one general tests taken and all passed.

ANNUAL CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The results of the nomination and election of club officers, SIARC/Drumlin liaison, and directors are as follows:

Officers:

President-Tom Sanders KB2NCI
Vice President-Steve Benton WB2VMR
Secretary-Ray Dreimiller Sr. AB2UY
Treasurer- Stan Avery WM3D

Directors:

Dave Foster AB2WZ
John Greco KD2GTA

Norm Schrader WB2GGM
Jay Hamill KC2TCM

SIARC/Drumlin liaisons:

Dave Mette W2ACC

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM:

An interesting and informative video was viewed from the ARRL Centennial Celebration, that featured Kraig Fugate KK4INZ who is the 'Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency' or FEMA. Kraig discussed the important and ongoing roll of amateur radio in the emergency situations where there is a communication breakdown of governmental , emergency, public and health agencies for a variety of reasons; such as power outages, internet or computer malfunctions, etc. Kraig cited actual events whereby amateur radio operators sprang into action during such critical situations. Kraig traced the path into his own history of becoming a radio amateur and thus utilizing that knowledge gained to promote a future increased reliance of amateur radio during times of emergency. He also discussed the advantages of the new technology available to us as well as the reliability of the traditional amateur technology.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

October: Paul Kolacki K2FX who is a New York ARRL Official Observer Coordinator who will tell us a little about himself and his specific duties.

November: Scott Bauer W2LC who is a Section Traffic Manager who will tell us a little about himself and his duties.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm but before doing so Tom Sanders reminded us all to bring forth any ideas any of us have in regards to any facet of our organization, as well as what areas any of us would like to pursue involving our Amateur Radio activities.

Members and Guest in Attendance:

Ray Dreimiller SR. AB2UY	Tom Sanders KB2NCI	Dean Stahlman N2WDS
Vern Kunes K2VJK	Russ Harris N2IZV	Dale Hansen KB2TNL
David Reussow KC2DQS	Steve Benton WB2VMR	Charles Meyer KC2UAC
Sandy Federico KA2HQZ	Dave Hunter N2EZY	Dave Mette W2ACC

David Furber AC2HK

Wes Mills W2WES

Bob NeZeleg W2CNS

John Greco KD2GTA

Stan Avery WM3D

Mike Kalish KD2AUH

Ed Pevear N2VCY

Tony Golumbeck KD2HNI Bill Gloskk KD2CZW

Dave Foster AB2WZ