

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:40 by President Tom Sanders KB2NCI with 20 in attendance. The meeting immediately went to the night's presentation given by Scott Teresi; the subject being EMCOM basic training information with regards to Ontario County RACES and ARES. There are many diverse amateur radio club organizations in the surrounding counties that can swing into action in times of emergency. The two major organizations are RACES and ARES. RACES falls under the control of the Federal Government Part 97 regulations. The ARRL sponsored ARES follows less formal operating procedures. SIARC members that are enrolled in the RACES/ARES programs are all volunteers for the Ontario County Emergency Management Office that has three full time staff members spearheaded by Jeff Harloff.

Scott encouraged the members to take all the training courses that one can but stressed that it is imperative that all members are familiar with the workings of DLAN (Disaster Land Log). This is something that you can practice on your own time at home by going to eoc.co.ontrio.ny.us and bringing up the DLAN log. You must first have an account and a password to get in. You will need to get ahold of Dave Foster AB2WZ, Scott Teresi N2UMH or John Park WA2SSI to set one up.

In a generalized emergency we probably will not be needed for radio communication unless the internet and the County Radio System go down or specific needs arise for supplemental communications. That being said it was for that very reason (*when the ice storm brought down cellular towers and other forms of needed communications*) that our group was reactivated after a considerable hiatus. We were needed to man the communications for the American Red Cross Shelters. We were under the coordination of the Ontario County EMO.

Scott went over the skills needed for field deployment:

- Setting up antennas, radio equipment and power sources.
- Ability to operate cross band repeaters
- Ability to operate your own or organization owned go kits with MP 63 or other sound card modes.
- Radio traffic handling skills
- ARRL radio gram for health and welfare communications
- Periodically evaluate your skill levels in these activities

During the aforementioned emergency we were deployed to the various hospitals. Because loss of phone line communication leaves a hospital in near total isolation the NYS Department of Health made amateur radio the first line of back up for emergency hospital communications. We must possess the necessary skills needed to operate supplemental generators, be able to use hospital report forms 2 page with sound card interface and needed FLDIGI skills. We now have stationary radio equipment and antennas at each of the hospitals that we are responsible for. An important note: **you must have your RACES ID card to get into the hospitals.**

Public Health Deployments during epidemic outbreaks are a third form of deployment that we may encounter but generally we will use their 700MHZ communications system and less likely our own equipment. It is here that our radio skills that we have been training for are needed but on their equipment. That being said our equipment's APRS capabilities may be very helpful here. In these and other conditions we may also be needed to aid the 911 communication system.

We may also be needed to be deployed at the Geneva EOC where we have our own repeater along with other communication equipment. Our job here will be to support the City of Geneva. At the conclusion of Scotts presentation the previous months minutes were read by club Secretary Ray Dreimiller AB2UY accepted and entered into record.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Stan Avery WM2D reports that the club account stands at \$3,412.58

FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE:

Dave Mette W2ACC reports that the source of the signal interference on the 453.31250 is from Lewis County. They have been very cooperative over the situation however there is nothing wrong with their operation as sometimes radios work too good range wise. Dave also reports that the Stanley repeater is back on the air. He cautions to be sure that your radio is not engaged to do a link as it poses serious problems when you do.

VE REPORT:

Dave Foster AB2WZ reports that there was one Tech, one General and one Extra test applicants and all three passed.

PUBLIC EVENTS AND SERVICES:

Tom Sanders reports that the Triathlon went well and was concluded by 1 in the afternoon.

Canal Town Days-2 pm September 16th In Palmyra and Jay Hamill reports that they are looking for volunteers this weekend.

Barktober Fest September 24th At Lollypop Farms

Corning to Bath Sunday October 2nd Get in touch with Tom Sanders if you can help

Pumpkin patrol October 30-31 Contact Tom Sanders if you can help

Jamboree on the Air October 15 Where the Boy Scouts get on the air See Tom Sanders

NYS QSO Party October 15 our club sponsors 2 plaques to be awarded

ARRL Kids Day January 3rd Where we help kid get interested in ham radio and get on the air. See Tom Sanders

Tom Sanders encourages all to renew their ARRL subscriptions through the club because for each renewal the club gets back \$2 and \$15 for a first time subscription. See Tom Sanders or Ray Dreimiller at renewal time.

Tom also reminds us to respond to the Perry Act which goes before the Senate for vote. The bill will enable and allow all radio amateurs to erect a reasonable antenna in normally restricted areas. We should flood our representatives with emails on this important issue. See Tom Sanders if you have any questions on the process.

THIS YEAR SIARC OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

PRESIDENT- TOM SANDERS KB2NCI
VICE PRESIDENT- STEVE BENTON WB2VMR
TREASURE- STAN AVERY WM3D
SECRETARY- RAY DREIMILLER SR. AB2UY

DIRECTORS: JOHN GRECO, DAVE FOSTER, JOHN PARK, RUSS HARRIS

LIASION TO THE DRUMLINS RADIO CLUB: JAY HAMILL

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Minutes submitted by club secretary Ray Dreimiller AB2UY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ray Dreimiller SR. AB2UY	Sabrina Hamill WD2STK	Tony Golumbeck KD2HNI
Tom Sanders KB2NCI	Dean Stahlman W2WDS	Jay Hamill KC2TCM
Russ Harris N2IZV	Steve Benton WB2VMR	Dave Hunter N2EZY
Dave Foster AB2WZ	Stan Avery WM3D	Scott Teresi N2UMH
Robert Dugan KD2KOR	Bob Hess KD2GMX	David Mette W2ACC
Sandy Federico KA2HQZ	Wes Mills W2WES	Doug Howles KD2LGE
Dan McGregor KD2LBM	James Rosato KD2AVK	