

SIARC Meeting Notes for May 13, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM by President Scott Theresi N2UMH with 20 in attendance.

PRESENTATION: A very interesting, useful, and informative presentation was given by Gabe Luhowy on RADIO MOBILE PROPAGATION PREDICTION, which was based on a freeware program designed by Roger Loude' VE2BDE. Gabe demonstrated the various features of the software and what propagation you can predict taking into consideration the geographic topography. In our case this is invaluable from a VHF standpoint in estimating both area, and point to point coverage. The program will demonstrate these characteristics for fixed, mobile, and 5 watt handheld units. Gabe distributed a handout with the software web site address.

ARCOM CONTROLLER: Scott informed us that the Arcom Model 210 controller has arrived that will link up our three repeaters.

TREASURES REPORT: Unchanged from the previous meeting.

SIARC MINUTES: The previous months minutes were read and accepted.

FIELD DAY: Vice President Dave Foster reports that the sub sandwiches will be there again this year.

VE REPORT: Dave Foster was happy to report that at our last testing session, we had one new tech and four upgrades to extra one of which was our own Steve Sykes KD2OM

OUR REPEATER: Steve Slykes KD2OM reports that it is working. There are still some minor issues with the 145.45 repeater to be worked out. Scott asked for an opinion from the group on whether to link all three repeaters. Bob W2CNS suggested that we do this only as an option which could be initiated under command, as needed. Scott N2UMH asked for a motion link Ontario W2ONT with our repeater. The motion was carried.

HOSPITAL DRILL: June 22nd from 9-11am Scott would like a few hams to go to the hospitals and transmit to the EOC. Please contact Scott or Dave, and remember to bring your passes to get into the hospitals.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott is still looking for ideas on the SIARC logos for either the hats or t-shirts. He will be getting together with treasure Stan Avery later on this.

SQUAW ISLAND DXPEDITION: Norm Schrader WB2GGM spoke to the group on this up-coming event. Our group will have the honor of activating our island namesake for the North American Islands on the air. The call sign will be K2BWK and the island will have NY #046 We will have to make 25 contacts with two of which being DX contacts on the HF bands. The first 25 contacts we will have to use NEW in front of the

NY 046. There will be a lot of interest in this because there are awards given for this program, and this being a new activation will enhance the interest. Norm has secured a permit for John Parks to review. Dave Foster is working on lining up some party barges to take our group over. The tentative date is Saturday August 15. You can go to the site www.Usislands.org if you are interested in researching the program.

9:15 PM a motion to close the meeting was carried.

Minutes submitted by Ray Dreimiller AB2UY