

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (SPARC)
HELD AT 1900 HOURS ON 11-27-2018 AT THE CLUB SITE
1715 BRENEMAN ROAD, MANHEIM, PA

The following 22 Amateurs and Guests were present as recorded on the passed Sign-in Sheet:

Officers:

Mark Walton, K3MRK, Pres.
Gerry Wagner, KB3SSZ, Sec
Tom Hartranft, W3COD, MatL
Scott Lithgow, KN3A, P Pres.

Larry Laughman, K3LWL, VP
Margaret Hamm, KB3SCA, Tres.
Absent David Payne, N3LOM, Trustee
Harry Bauder, N3FMO, Mbrshp

Members:

Jeff Walgren, AC3BS
Don Pickel, W3LHT
Connie Laughman, KC3CRL
Mike Newman, K3MJN
Linda Hartranft, W3CIE

Bob Walton, KC3JOF
John Hewitt, KA3RDZ
Mike Demer, KC3LAV
Deb Hughes, W3JOG

Jack, N3BBC

Bob, N2IYY
Don, KC3SCZ

Cage, KI3G
Rick, K3REN

Mike, N3XPD

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 1908 hours by President Mark Walton.

Meeting Minutes highlights for the last month were reviewed by the secretary and president and will be read and approved at the next BoD Meeting along with the previous BoD's Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer Report was presented by Peg who said we have \$6230 in our checking. New rest room bill of ~\$2200 was not yet paid. Peg is having some difficulty documenting our sales tax exemption status and needs some legal help. Detailed financial information will be given at the next BoD meeting.

Membership Harry was ask for a membership report and said we have some 85 members now.

Emergency Communications: (EmCom) and Public Events (Peg / Rick Hamm)
There was a no report to give per Peg.

Business (Old and New in Chronological Order):

- **Introductions** of all in attendance each giving name and call sign took place. The attendance was better than last month
- Mark and Gerry reviewed the **plans to visit the Lancaster Maker717** Space at Stephens College on 5 Feb at 1900 hrs. Attendance is free and open to the entire club but you must sign up on the web site since a limit of 25 can be accommodated.

- Mark announced the **invitation from Karen and Mark from the RRRRA club to attend a yearly gathering at Scooters** in Lancaster on Thursday December 6th at 1800 Hrs. Individual bills will be issued for food. Don at W3LHT@comcast.net is collecting the names of any SPARC members who want to attend to provide a count for the hosts which is needed to prepare the room adequately.
- Mark announced that **SPARC is holding a holiday open house get together at our shack on Tuesday 18 December at 1900 Hrs.** This is open to the Ham community. No obligation but attendees may bring a treat along for all if wished. Mark has invited the RRRRA membership.
- Per Larry as previously announced, the **Rapho Township Building may not be available** for our use during the winter months. But we have made arrangements with neighbor man to plow our snow again this winter for Tuesdays.
- The **new rest room facility is available for pickup in Reading.** No discussion heard as to who will definitely rent a truck and go to get it. Action BoD
- Ralph ___ of the RRRRA endorsed plans to pay SPARC for **electricity use for their new tower relay installation** but BoD did not feel there would be any reimbursable costs involved.
- No meeting next month when **election of two year officers** are required so this will take place in January. All current officers are returning except the secretary. Scott Lithgow is assuming the Past President position since it too is open and he was previously a president.
- **No Net planned for Christmas or New Years Day** unless someone volunteers to run same. One regular net operator position for week 3 is open for next year.
- Mike Newman, K3MGN@arrl.net is taking over **the web master position** and will accept inputs at this email from anyone. A new calendar feature has been added and signup functionality for events etc. is incorporated. Google group definitions are being considered for emailing.
- Larry is looking for **speaker suggestions for next year** at k3lwl33@gmail.com.

Program:

Larry introduced our **Harry Bauder, N3FMO, who gave a demonstration / lecture on FLDIGI** per last month's interest. He showed the applicable screens on our over head projector but was not live with a radio connection. Screen was rather small and perhaps hard to see in rear. Harry had a limited number of copies of a hand out he prepared. as included with these minutes.

Mark presented NO **door prize** drawing this month.

The **meeting was closed at 2040 hours** by the president

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerry Wagner, KB3SSZ, SPARC Secretary