

SMCARA Meeting Minutes 28 February 2019

Meeting called to order: 1930 by Rob Hoyt, N2OMC

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rob Hoyt

Introductions around the room and sign in sheet.

Presentation: Charles Hallock, AA3WS, Receiver Theory

Reports from Officers:

Vice President: Pete Butt, WA3UMY, absent, no comments

Secretary: Jayne McNutt, W4VJU, no comments

Treasurer: Walt Rupp, W3GYT,

Bank account solvent, discussed working with Ren Ramirez, W3BNY to obtain a 501c7 tax identification number so SMCARA could put the insurance for the trailer under the club and move the trailer to the PAX Naval Museum parking lot. They need 5 members to help. Please contact either of them to find out how you can help.

Walt also informed us that he will happily take membership dues early, and he welcomed members to join him and others at the Lexington Park Cracker Barrel for the monthly breakfast at 0800. This occurs every first Saturday of the month.

President: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC

Old Business:

VE Testing Program: Mike Souders, KB3ZWM, gave a report and said he is hoping to choose a date in the middle of March for the first test session.

Museum SMCARA Station: Turq Brown, AK4DT, reported he toured the new room. Walk through revealed a potential technical corridor which would house feed lines for a bench with equipment. Electrical and drywall work is in progress but completion date is still unknown. Tom Clarke, W4OKW said the SMCARA equipment is stored at the base and Pete Butt, WAUMY, was ready to start moving a few cabinets and some equipment to Bldg. C at the PAX Naval Museum. Hopefully Pete will let the members know if and when he could use some help.

Field Day: Tony Barrett, N5TB was absent but Tom Clarke said he had donated 3 computers to be used for logging purposes.

Tailgate Fest: Chuck Gantz, K3WJX suggested the date of Oct 5, 2019 at the Bingo Hall, Rob Hoyt seconded the motion and the members present voted unanimously in favor of this motion. Tom and Chuck were going to get this event on the St. Mary's County calendar.

New Business: Lower Potomac River Marathon radio support on March 10, 2019. The race starts and finishes at Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point. We still need a few more Hams to help. We plan to use 147.390 repeater. Please contact Rob if you can help. More details on SMCARA website. <http://www.k3hki.org/>

50/50 Raffle Results: Chuck Gantz won and gave his portion to SMCARA

Meeting Adjourned: 2100

Respectfully submitted, SMCARA Secretary - Jayne McNutt, W4VJU