

SATERN Meeting Minutes February 5, 2013

Attending:

Tim AC8NI	Dave KC8DJ
Lucinda AB8WF	Bob WX8BOB
Martha KD8RPR	Tim N8NET
Chris KD8SLU	Dave W8CRT

Old Business:

Clothing: proposed jacket

—everyone likes

—maybe we can include rain gear with jacket order and get better price

Minutes read so rapidly everyone just approved them and will find out what was read later

Dave KC8DJ to check out computer program capabilities on Friday and report if needed programs work

--Chris has printer donated by Bob KD8DCE to use in radio room

Banner that Tim AC8NI created was rejected by TSA due to all sorts of issues...

Women's Auxiliary grant was approved!!

--low power portable repeater and antenna

--2 mobile units with antennas

--HF EOC radio Kenwood 480

--cables, etc

--Tim AC8NI is purchasing and completing required paperwork

Need to check Accepted Use Policy Forms

--who has signed—located in SATERN files in EOC

No Events or Call-outs since last meeting

SATERN Nets:

20m good attendance by local members

40m net (after 20m net on Saturdays) is increasing check-ins and getting read to ask for Net Control Stations

2m net attendance increasing

--Bob WX8BOB increasing echolink stations to 10

--Dave KC8PCL to take net for 7 weeks starting February 13--Bob WX8BOB to scribe with Tim AC8NI as back-up

Radio Room:

--packet system is now configured for remote control

--memory added to packet system

Words of Wisdom from Chris and James:

--be mindful of power usage in building—keep lights turned off when not needed

- remember training camp coming up in April
- EDS meetings will start sometime in 2013—hopefully on same night as SATERN meetings to take place first over supplied dinner
- ID Badges—new format coming soon and badges will be made locally!!!! No new badges until change over occurs
- Paperwork has been returned to State Farm regarding Martha's volunteer hours--\$ to come!!

New Business:

2013 Goals for WMNI SATERN

1. Increase SATERN membership; thereby preventing burn-out of volunteers through frequent and/or back-to-back call-outs. (Don't get me started on the grammatical errors of this sentence.)
2. Strengthen ties to other WMNI SATERN local units (Mt. Clemens, Traverse City, etc.) as well as other amateur radio service organizations within the WMNI area of responsibility. (Ionia County CERT, Independent Repeater Association, Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance/MARA, Riverside Radio Amateurs/RRA, Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association/GRARA, etc.)
3. Acquire new, repair and upgrade existing radio communication equipment so as to improve our ability to communicate within local, intermediate and long range networks. (See comment to number 1.)

Implementation Brain Storming Session:

- every person invite another person to come to a SATERN meeting
- SATERN/EDS to sponsor How to Weather-spot Meeting
 - need SATERN members to attend and talk to hams about joining SATERN
 - March 21st, tentative date
 - all hams invited
- attend other ham clubs and show powerpoint to be developed by Tim AC8NI
- Tim AC8NI to teach technician class
- have SATERN literature available at different venues
- SATERN table at local ham fests and other local ham radio related activities
- host a SATERN open house at Dickinson Park
 - use trunk sales to lure or attract hams
- contact club liaison officers

Goals for 2014

- new communications vehicle or trailer
- back-up generator for EOC
- SATERN uniforms—including standards, distribution, and implementation

Thank You letter signed by all for Women's Auxiliary

Upcoming SATERN Activities:

- March 6 Ionia County Skywarn
- March 9 Eastern Michigan Ministry of EDS
 - WMNI invited
 - all day
 - more details to follow via Tim AC8NI
- April 9 to 12 EDS Training Camp
 - registration info coming ASAP
- June 21 to 23 Field Day with Riverside Radio Amateurs

--location to be announced

Associate Activities:

February 21 Kent County Skywarn Training

March 21 How to Weather-spot

Club Activities:

February 15 to 17 RRA sponsor CW contest at Tim AC8NI QTH

March ?? RRA sponsor phone contest at Gene AB8KP

Homework:

Work on special event station ideas for next meeting

List repeating events for development of ongoing calendar