

# SATERN Meeting Minutes April 2, 2013

## Attending:

Tim AC8NI

Lucinda AB8WF

Bob WX8BOB

Paul KD8DLP

Chris KD8SLU

Hank No Call

Bob KD8DCE

Dave KC8DJ

Elizabeth KD8SLR

## Old Business:

Minutes read, embellished with comments, and accepted to peruse later.

UDP ports are now working!

## Business and Reports:

### 1. SATERN Special Event Station

Major Pat will talk to Major Rick

Looking to set date for September 2014

### 2. Women's Auxiliary Grant

Itinerant Repeater 10 watts, FM set to Salvation Army commercial frequency

J-pole antenna

30 ft pop up mast with guy wire ring

Kenwood TS-480

2 UHF mobile radios

2 mobile antennas for UHF mobile radios

2 VHF/UHF HT's

7 UHF HT's for SATERN commercial frequency and FRS

Bob KD8DCE suggests having separate sign out sheet for radios given out on scene

### 3. Big Rapids Flooding Recovery

90+ homes rapidly flooded

40 residential

25 no insurance

Worked 12 days providing meals

Work on hold until April 15 due to ice up to or over one foot in homes.

We may still need help when work resumes—keep checking website for details

### 4. April Training Camp

Badges can be printed on site for those who have had Intro to EDS and background check.

Six classes canceled due to lack of attendees

70 signed up for classes

Incident command no longer required for ID, but still highly recommended...plus it is a really fun class!!

Safe From Harm still needed for those who have already taken Intro to EDS

Chris KD8SLU will be able to teach later in May

Maybe can be included in a SATERN meeting

## 5. SATERN Nets

20m band working well

40m improving attendance

60m Paul KD8DLP says good

2m Thanks to Dave KC8PCL, Bob WX8BOB, and Tim AC8NI for filling in while Lucinda AB8WF was off playing

Net Suggestions:

send interesting articles that would be good for the net to [kc8pcl@yahoo.com](mailto:kc8pcl@yahoo.com)

add a weekly director's corner with either James KD8JOM or Chris KD8SLU

have an open mic net once per month

take call-out reports from other areas within WMNI

remind net participants of protocols and net etiquette

roll call for cities that check in regularly

or maybe use canteen regions

take early check-ins starting at 6:45p

as net check-in's and reports take up more time, we will use fewer articles

change echolink node to W8SAT when echolink simplex link is ready and use

WX8BOB-L for back-up

## 6. Radio Room

Echolink—need sound card interface

Signalink USB with cable

?second Signalink USB for WinLink or DB9 4x switch

Use W8SAT-L for net when ready

## 7. Future Goals for SATERN

skipped due to excitement about next topic!!

## New Business:

### 1. Wants and Needs

Signalink USB interface

DB9 4x switch

### 2. Fund Raisers for WMNI SATERN

hat passed and \$61 donated toward Signalink USB interface

private raffle done by individual who donates proceeds to SATERN

pancake breakfast/silent auction

Chris KD8SLU to check whether this is ok with DHQ

spaghetti supper

table at IRA swap meet in June

will need equipment donated to sell

wants/needs page added to web site

show progress as we raise funds toward particular projects

## Announcements:

**Upcoming SATERN/EDS Activities:**

EDS Training Camp April 9 – 12

Field Day at Saranac with Riverside Radio Amateurs June 21 – 23

Newago USCN August 6 – 11

Newago Hot Boat September 14

**Associate Activities:**

RACES to run weather nets from home unless really big weather incident

145.27 for Kent County

no roll call from liaison stations

**Adjourn to radio room** for WinLink demo from Dave KC8DJ

great demo, Dave!!