

# SARC

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

## RHG October 2020 Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting October 15th 2020

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Held Virtual Meeting

*Community Recreation Center Remains Closed*

October 15, 2020

With great sorrow we report the passing of Frank Giampa N9QPD. Frank has been an enthusiastic contributor to our club for many years including holding such leadership offices of Director and Chairman of the Board. Frank will be sorely missed by all of us. Rest in Peace Frank.

Geoff Stevens KA9QGH President called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Attendees:**

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Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Pat Carlberg KD9PWI	Burt Schultz AB9CV
Terry AE9TJ	Geoff Stevens KA9QGH	Rick Dickens KY0Q
Ed Liska AC9SD	R. Kocourek W9RKK	Jim WE9PP
John Zietlow K9WIC	Garrett K9GBN	Daryl Jenks KB9RHR
Kent Ochs W9KAO	Mike Sorensen K9KQX	Jodi KB9QAI
John N9IJS	Lou N9LTW	Steven Herff KD9EFR
John Douglas KD9KSH	Kevin KB9QVX	Don Dewar KD9NJR
Leo Ribordy N9NBH	Jack W9YY	Pierre K9EYE
Al KD9FIA	Jim Campbell KB9RGU	Cliff Sowka K9QD

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## Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD requested a motion to accept the minutes of the October Board of Director's meeting as presented virtually tonight. So moved. Minutes will also be published in the next issue of Radio Hill Gazette (RHG).

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## **Treasurer's Report:**

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Chris Brewer AC9GN. No Report. Burt AB9CV and Cliff K9QD will be meeting with Chris on Sunday to craft a 2021 Budget.

## **Public Service:**

Rob Glowacki N9MVO No Report.

## **EMCOMM:**

John Zietlow K9WIC hosted a Shared-Screen presentation of two documents utilized during the September 26<sup>th</sup> exercise.

- ARRL Radiogram
- Government agency standard ICS 213

John explained the efficiency differences between each method and how digital modes can be of great help in speeding detailed messages.

## **Repeaters:**

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Rob Glowacki N9MVO Not Present. Terry AE9TJ reported systems operative. Further discussion regarding utilization of the surplus Fusion machine at the Plum Grove water tank. Mike K9KQX offered some options to bring the internet connection to that site from the Barrington Road infrastructure via an additional FTM100 or similar compatible radio that will enable WiresX.

## **Construction Project:**

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Bill McGovern W9WEM Not Present. Construction Project meetings on hiatus until we obtain a re-opening ruling from the Park District.

## **VE Exams**

John Schofield AC9JS provided the following report: October 3, 2020

Name	Call	Class
Steven	KD9PTY	General
Class		
Technician		0
General		1
Extra		0
Total		1

#### Participating Volunteer Examiners (VEs):

Bill	Davies	K9WKD
Steve	Karson	AC9EM
Ed	Lishka	AC9SD
William	Riess	KW9WR
John	Schofield	AC9JS

Dirk

Smith

W0RI

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Next examination date: plans for November 7, 2020 may change due to lack of facility. Use of parking-lot venue may become difficult as weather deteriorates. Ed Liska AC9SD informed there will be an update posted to announce future plans.

## Radio Hill Gazette RHG

Mike Griffiths K9KMV Not Present. Mike had previously requested articles for publication.

## Membership:

Bob N9JAX no report.

## Social:

Group discussed a recent suggestion from Dirk W0RI: a Road-Rally Fox Hunt to be organized in the coming weeks. Several members expressed interest with some anecdotal examples of events that could be considered.

## Education:

Leo N9NBH reports our training schedule will be on hiatus for the duration.

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## **Other Item of Interest:**

Roberto Beltramelli WA9E updated SARC-ALL regarding a recent SK Auction. He spent a couple of hours at an Estate Sale held October 7th. A number of items remain unsold. About 50 items in the Ham Gear product line. About 200 in the Commercial Two Way Radio equipment and antenna line. About 25 pieces of test equipment including a Service Monitor. Next HamFest maybe more of you will come out. There are a hundred photos on the Valley Amateur Repeater Association facebook group site.

## **NETS:**

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Daryl Jenks KB9RHR hosted the October 13<sup>th</sup> Tech Net. There was no question of the evening due to short notice as Net Control.

Open the Net at 07:35 CDT

1. N9IJS JOHN
2. KD9HIK DENNIS
3. W9RKK ROBERT
4. K9QD CLIFF
5. WB9UXM BRENT
6. WA9ECJ RON

7. KD9NJR DON
8. WE9PP JIM
9. WE9WEM BILL
10. KD9POE MIKE
11. KD9JBS GEORGE
12. WB9VWM HUGH
13. K9GBN GARRET
14. KC9FIA AL
15. KD9QAI JODY
16. WA9E ROBERTO
17. KB4VOH MIKE
18. W9YY JACK
19. KD9PKN RYAN
20. KB9RHR DARYL (NET CONTROL)

#### Discussions:

1. Access to Tennis Club, Cliff advised he had some donations to the club and he took them to the Tennis Club and was able to access out area without issues. There was working using the Construction Project Area and cleaning tennis balls and Cliff had no issues. It was questioned as to the exact ruling from the Schaumburg Park District as to when we would be able to use the facilities again. Dennis, KD9HIK commented that the last statement floating on this topic was the Tennis club and facilities were open to PAID members only. Daryl, KB9RHR suggested that the Board take an official action as to ask the Park District as to OFFICIAL ruling on the use of the Park Facilities by non-Paying members such as SARC.2. WA9ECJ, Ron asked for suggestions for radio isolation as he has several UHF/VHF radios is use for various tasks and when any one radio transmits it overloads the receiver Front End on the other radios. WE9PP, Mike suggested that he would gladly draw up a schematic that shows using the isolation relays it most of today's radios to ground the receive signal when another radio transmits. Mike and Ron will exchange emails, also KB9RHR will get a copy and forward to



Webmaster

for posting on the n9rjv webpage.3. WE9PP, Mike offered to assist anyone with broken radios once we can get back together during the Construction project.4. N9IJS, John asked if the Thursday night net was to be a Zoom Meeting and KD9HIK, Dennis confirmed it would be and watch SARC-ALL for emails for details.

5. WA9E, Roberto advised that this Saturday was the Tower Removal for recent SK Ken Krzywicki.  
Watch SARC-ALL for details and all help would be welcome.

6. WA9E, Roberto asked if anyone brought up discussion about the passing of Frank Giampa N9QPD a long time member of SARC. KD9HIK, Dennis advised there was an article on the Tribune Website advising how to send flowers to the family of Plant a Tree in memory of Frank.

Closed the Net at 08:03 CDT

Thank you to all the hams that checked into the net Thursday evening. The question for the evening was “do you own a 2M/440 station in the house and do you have a 2M/440 in the car?”

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| 1. N9NBH  | Leo     | net control |
| 2. KB9RGU | Jim     |             |
| 3. KD9KSH | John    |             |
| 4. WA9E   | Roberto |             |
| 5. K9EYE  | Pierre  |             |

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| 6. K9WIC   | John   |
| 7. N9VU    | Gary   |
| 8. AC9SD   | Ed     |
| 9. K9KQX   | Mike   |
| 10. N9IJS  | John   |
| 11. KY0Q   | Rick   |
| 12. K9KBM  | Dave   |
| 13. KD9HIK | Dennis |
| 14. KD9JBS | George |
| 15. WB9VWM | Hugh   |
| 16. AC9EM  | Steve  |
| 17. KD9PNR | Steve  |
| 18. KB9QVX | Kevin  |
| 19. KB9RHR | Darryl |
| 20. N5PEF  | Dirk   |
| 21. N9MYC  | John   |
| 22. KD9NJR | Don    |
| 23. KC9NMW | Tim    |
| 24. WB9VXN | Brent  |
| 25. W9RKK  | Robert |
| 26. N9LTW  | Lou    |
| 27. W9JPM  | Peter  |

## Publicity:

Dennis KO9HIK No Report.

## Programs:

Mike Sorensen K9KQX did a shared-screen display of effective noise suppression he added to his SDR to overcome a neighbor's Halloween display that used Pulse Width Modulation control of LEDs in the yard. Noise suppression was impressive.

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## Old Business:

None.

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## New Business:

None.

## Ask an Elmer

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None.

## Motion to Adjourn:

8:08 PM

Submitted Friday October 16, 2020

Cliff Sowka K9QD Interim Secretary

## Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting October 7th, 2020

Board of Directors Meeting, 7 October, 2020

With the help of Geoff KA9QGH's ZOOM-enabled call, Burt Shultz AB9CV Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### Attendees:

Burt Shultz AB9CV      Cliff Sowka K9QD      John Douglas KD9KSH  
Geoff Stevens KA9QGH      Danny Kafka KD9HIL      John Zietlow K9WIC  
Ed Liska AC9SD      Leo Ribordy N9NBH      Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK  
Kent Ochs W9KAO

### Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD. No Report due to previous September ZOOM file being too large to transmit. Transcription of that meeting is not available but video may surface somehow if the electrical size can be managed and made available to the membership.

### Elections:

Election process for 2021 was discussed during the September meeting and call for leadership/volunteer was made to help SARC fulfill offices. It was decided avoidance of a mail-

in vote process could be accomplished if we were able to secure sufficient nominations for the vacating Board seats and if we were able to convince current office-holders to serve an additional term. 30-Day advanced publication required according to our By-Laws of the current officer slate with the plan to certify officers for 2021 by vote of acclimation during the November meeting was accomplished with Mike K9KMV's RHG publication for September:

Official Ballot

General Election

November 18th, 2020

Club Officers and Board of Directors

All Offices -1 Year term Board of Directors-3 year terms

Vote for One Vote for two

President

Geoff Stevens KA9QGH\_\_\_\_\_

Jim Campbell\_KB9RGU\_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

Danny Kafka KD9HIL\_\_\_\_\_ Ed Lishka\_AC9SD\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Special Recognition Awards

Cliff Sowka K9QD\_\_\_\_\_ On Hiatus for this cycle\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

Chris Brewer\_AC9GN\_\_\_\_\_

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Chris Brewer AC9GN. No Report.

## **Public Service:**

Rob Glowacki N9MVO. No Report.

## **EMCOMM:**

John Zietlow K9WIC informed he will summarize the results of the event held Saturday morning Sep 26th, from 0900-1200. Event was organized to establish a resource net and other activities.

## **Repeaters:**

Leo N9NBH reported the hospital machine, coax, antenna, and lightning suppressor has been placed in his basement for the moment. Mike K9KQX and Leo went to St. Alexius and removed the repeater.

Leo will offer his ideas for the surplus machine during New Business.

## **Construction Project:**

Bill McGovern W9WEM. No report

## **VE Testing:**

Ed Lishka AC9SD. No Report

## **Nets:**

No Report.

## **Radio Hill Gazette RHG:**

No Report. Mike K9KMV was able to publish the proposed 2021 Officer Slate in the September RHG.

## **Recurring Calendar:**

Insurance, Meeting Room Reservations for the Airport, Tennis Plus Basement, and CRC, need to be renewed for 2021. Cliff K9QD to resurrect previous traffic to assist in establishing the proper governmental contacts required.

## **Membership:**

Geoff KA9QGH. No report.

## Publicity:

Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair reported there may not be a published re-opening plan from the Schaumburg Park District for several months. Apparently permanent employee terminations have occurred and the limited staff remaining have no information at the moment.

## Social:

John KD9KSH. Present. Nothing to report for obvious reasons. Dirk W0RI has suggested a Road Rally event via SARC-ALL. Interest is building.

## Education:

Leo N9NBH. No Report.

## Programs:

Bill Crocket KD9AUP has moved; a new chairman will be required. A presentation for the October Business Meeting is currently planned.

## Old Business:

An invoice was presented for “Website Listing Service”. Invoice was referred to Matt Walsh for verification. Ed AC9SD will send the invoice notice (due December) to Chris AC9GN so that our Domain N9RJV.ORG is renewed for 3-years at \$180.

## New Business:

Fusion Machine: Leo N9NBH moved we replace the current 440 machine with the Fusion machine currently in storage. Since there are new members with digitally-enabled equipment, it would be a good idea to upgrade our 440 capability. Kent W9KAO had previously expressed desire to retain our current occupancy (squatter’s rights!) at the Plum Grove tower so it will require some logistics/hardware solutions to enable the additional internet connectivity if the machine remains at Plum Grove. Seconded by Geoff KA9QGH. So Moved.

SK Tower Removal. John KD9KSH is organizing the removal of Ken Krzywicki KD9HIJ’s tower. Current plan is to meet Saturday October 17th at 8:30 AM.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned 7:55PM. Submitted October 8th 2020. Cliff Sowka K9QD Interim Secretary