

## SMCARA Zoom Meeting Minutes, 25 June, 2020

- Meeting called to order at 1930: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC presiding
- Meeting was held using the video meeting app Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and not being able to meet in person
- Report of Officers:
  - Vice President:
    - Advised the PAX River NAS museum is getting ready to open on a limited basis. Should be able to use it for meetings/test sessions later in the month of July.
    - Advised the UHF repeater is back on the air, freq: 443.05
  - Secretary:
    - The May Zoom meeting minutes are posted on the club's website
    - No issues reported with the website
  - Treasurer:
    - The account is solvent with no money coming in or going out in June
    - Multiple dues checks ready to be deposited

### Members in Attendance:

N2OMC - Rob Hoyt (Hollywood, MD) – President, SMCARA  
WA3UMY - Pete Butt (Lexington Park, MD) – Vice President, SMCARA  
W4VJU – Jayne McNutt (Leonardtowntown, MD) – Secretary, SMCARA  
W3GYT - Walt Rupp (California, MD) – Treasurer, SMCARA  
KB3ZWM - Julian 'Mike' Souders (Hollywood, MD)  
AC3CU - Neil Sovern Sr. (Great Mills, MD)  
KC3NEW - Bob Herbig (California, MD)  
KB2SKP - Chris McGraw (Lexington Park, MD)  
KF7AWC – Rachael McGraw (Lexington Park, MD)  
KB3ZIX - Marty Earhart (California, MD)

WA3ZGD - John Johnson (Hollywood, MD)

KB1YZ – Jim Forest (Mechanicsville, MD)

N5TB – Tony Barrett (Great Mills, MD)

KC3PKD – Jeff Hall (Leonardtown, MD)

#### Presentation by Tony, N5TB:

- Field Day this weekend, 27-28 June:
- Tony gave a presentation on Field Day operation, categories and N3FJP software
  - If using N3FJP, must download the latest copy of software for rule changes
  - Also talked about how to submit score/log at completion of the contest

#### Discussion Points:

- Fox Hunt: Still plan to host in Southern, MD; date is TBD in the Fall
- Echolink Node: Is going to Austin, KC3NSE soon for programming then on the air!
- Trailer update:
  - Trailer AC wiring is complete, need to fabricate generator-to-trailer cable
  - Next up is DC power and ordering a few parts including a battery booster
- VE Test Sessions: On hold for now; hoping for July session at the air museum
- ARES:
  - The St. Mary's County ARES team participated in a nationwide communications exercise on 30 May supporting the American Red Cross
    - Used voice and Winlink. Had some Lessons learned, went well!
- Went around the "room" for comments from all the members in attendance
- The meeting was adjourned at 2040

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF THE MEETING IN ACTION!

