

SKENOH ISLAND ARC
07/10/2024
ONTARIO COUNTY EOC

After attempted parking lot review of mobile setups, the official meeting indoors was called to order by President Tom KB2NCI at 8:18 or so.

Attending:

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| 1. Sandy, KA2HQZ | 9. Vern, K2VJK |
| 2. Steve, WB2VMR | 10. Jeff, KD2VRZ |
| 3. Tom, KB2NCI | 11. Jay, KC2TCM |
| 4. Mark, KD2ZLR | 12. Keith, WA2OFF |
| 5. Sabrina, WD2STK | 13. Stan, WM3D |
| 6. Doug, KD2LGE | 14. Pat, KD2PER |
| 7. John, WA2SSJ | 15. Brian (Call TBD, passed test, CONGRATS!) |
| 8. Dave, N2EZY | |

SECRETARY REPORT---approved.

TREASURER REPORT--- Stan, WM3D, reported current balance of \$3376.92. Major expenses were \$100 to Big M for groceries and \$132.50 to RACES Radio Officer Steve, WB2VMR. After discussion, it was determined that Big M was the game club hosting Field Day and not the supermarket of the same name.

RACES: Steve, WB2VMR, noted a meeting scheduled for 7/25 at 7 PM at the EOC and RACES training at 0930 on 8/17 at the EOC with Paul KD2DO on FLDIGI operation. Steve reported all RACES repeaters are operational, and advised people interested in NYS training, particularly on AUXCOMM, to contact him. He advised the NYS RACES net last Sunday at 0900 on 7281 LSB operated well, followed by a digital net.

FIELD DAY: Jay KC2TCM reported that the Big M site was a good location, possibly improving as air conditioning is being considered. Mast erection remembered well enough, and new insulators for the Drumlins ARC antenna are in the works. Two generators provided plenty of power. Ideas for next year welcomed, and Jay may install eyebolts for future antenna supports in the meantime. Score this year was 966, with 116 USA contacts, 4 Canadian, and 2 DX. Breakdown was 26 CW, 60 digital, 6 phone on 40m, and 14 phone on 20m. Most states were worked, including Oregon and California. Effort was far from all wet, despite drenching rain.

YATES COUNTY FIELD DAY: Mark, KD2ZLR, reported on the Yates operation from the Windmill site with Sheldon, KC2TQV. 3 receivers and multiple antennas enabled operation, which produced a viable demonstration of emcomm capability for the 50 – 100 people observing, 10 or 12 of whom asked about licensing. The whole project was a “learning experience.” Solar and battery powered the effort. The Windmill may be worth considering as a future repeater site, too.

YATES COUNTY ARES: Mark KD2ZLR reported no apparent RACES component in Yates County. ARES development is under way.

COMPLETED EVENTS: President Tom KB2NCI reported the Shortsville Parade was covered with 6 operators, and all went well, despite the church parking arrangement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: More operators are needed for the Musselman Ironman triathlon event out of Geneva and for the Sauerkraut Festival on August 3. See Tom to volunteer.
Finger Lakes Triathlon: August 8, See Tom to volunteer.

Club breakfast: Next one is August 17, 0800, at Villager/aka Lincoln on Main in Canandaigua

August club meeting: There won't be any.

September club meeting: Annual election of officers. Program ideas welcomed.
OPERATING NOTES:

Scott Bauer W2LT of Syracuse is again the ARRL WNY section manager.
EC001 is not running by ARRL, per Steve WB2VMR.

VESTS:

Steve WB2VMR proposed the club purchase safety vests for public service events, since RACES vests should be used only for RACES, or government initiated, activity. Doug KD2LGE will seek information on purchasing through Central Tractor and report at next meeting. Jay KC2TCM will check at the Canandaigua Winery to see if a donation for the vests might be possible.

Adjourned about 9.:15 pm.

RS: John WA2SSJ