

MINUTES-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 20, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Ule, KOYOG. The minutes were read and accepted. We have a total of \$910.73 with \$346.72 of that in the repeater fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FROG JUMP:

Fred, WB6QVI already has received a stack of replies. Not including all the logs, he counted 40 states contacted, 4 or 5 Canadian provinces, 1 Scottish station, and 1 Irish station. Thirteen club members operated and made contacts. For some members this was their first experience operating on the HF bands.

BREAKFAST AND WORK DAY:

Lloyd, N6EL announced the monthly breakfast would be held at Perkos on June 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This would be followed with a clean-up workday at the repeater site. NOTE: This has since been changed. The breakfast remains on June 5 at 9:00 a.m. The workday has been changed to June 12. We should meet at Perkos at 9:00 a.m. to go up to the repeater site to work. All are encouraged to join the work crew. This is a great opportunity to see the repeater site. Bring your tools.

REPEATER USAGE

Lloyd, N6EL reported an incident where emergency traffic needed to be handled on the repeater during the early going to work hours. There was no response to this request. Lloyd asked, what has happened? Why is the repeater not being used?

Fred, WB6QVI suggested assigned monitoring of the repeater. These monitors could also make sure visitors to the area were answered when they identify. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those in attendance to pick a time they could monitor. This will also be included in the newsletter to give all members an opportunity to assist.

Don, WA6KML had three items concerning the repeater. Doug, WB6MFV and Chuck, AC6EH are working on an auto-dial number for emergencies. This will be the Sheriff's telephone, which ties into 911. In this way, deputies would not be sent to the repeater site. Concerning the Y2K readiness, Doug will be contacting Greg, W6UQK to determine the ability of the repeater to handle an emergency. The question was asked last month, how could we tell if the repeater was on emergency power. The answer is, the repeater will still transmit a Morse code a as a courtesy tone when on emergency power. The reason you have not heard this lately is that there is no emergency power.

CABLE TELEVISION:

Don also reported seeing a CARS announcement on the local television station. The information given was out of date and needs to be changed. Ed will look into this.

FIELD DAY:

Jim, KO6HV reported we could have field day again at Cottage Springs if there was enough interest. Most of those in attendance said that they wanted us to have a part in field day and that they would participate. A long discussion followed with plans being formulated. Dennis, KF6QVC will organize the food. The club will furnish hamburgers, hot-dogs, and the trimmings. Club members staying for dinner should bring either a salad or a dessert. Dennis will call local members to get a count. If you are not called and plan to be at field day, give Dennis a call at 795-14-33. Dennis will also ask when he calls what equipment you plan on bringing. Jim Clark will arrange with the Millers and obtain forms from ARRL.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Ed, K0YOG reminded us that we would need to renew our club memberships in July.

Break for coffee and refreshments. Fred, WB6QVI, brought the delicious homemade coffeecake. Thanks Fred.

After the break, Jim, KO6HV talked about Y2K preparedness. RACES will be a last resort if used but we need to be ready. A sign-up sheet for those willing to assist to sign was circulated. This will also be included in this month's newsletter to give all interested a chance to sign up.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Clark, Secretary