

## **MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEPT. 16, 1999**

President Ed Ule, K0YOG, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The minutes were read and accepted. Lynn Bartschi, AC6CY said we have \$1386.67 in the bank. The nominating committee is looking for candidates for president and vice president. If you can serve please let the nominating committee know.

Ed said some members have still not paid their dues for the year. Only paid-up members will receive the newsletter beginning with the October issue. Also beginning with October only paid members will be on the net roll call. Auto patch codes will be changed to reflect the membership.

Dennis Bullock, KF6QVC, asked the club to branch out into more activities. He suggested QRP, CW, contesting, DX, and other interests be included rather than so much focus on two meters and the repeater. He suggested time and instruction for putting together QRP radios, power supplies, and other related equipment. Dennis was concerned about the lack of interest and the few check-ins on Monday net. The idea was discussed. Many had the same concerns.

The Almador County Radio Club is having a swap meet on October 9 from 7:00 am - 2:00 p.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Jackson.

Jim, KO6HV, told about the drill conducted by all California hospitals to practice Y2K plans. R.A.C.E.S. had a part in the drill as the hospitals practiced what it would be like if all other forms of communication were down. Ham operators passed traffic such as beds available and conditions in the county. It went very well and hospital staff and administrators were pleased to see how amateur radio was able to assist them.

Lloyd, N6EL reminded the group to respond to calls for help given out over the repeater. A short time ago KF6SQS and KF6REX asked for a 911 call to be made. No one offered to make this call for them.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. This was followed with a time of coffee, cookies, and good visiting. Johanna Frame, KE6IXQ, showed her new QRP radio, which she bought to take backpacking.