

MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2000

The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society has a president. Ed Ule, K0YOG volunteered to be president another year if the board agreed. The board met before the general meeting and gave ED a vote of confidence. When told this news at the meeting the club members present were all very happy and applauded.

Ed called the meeting to order. The minutes from the December 11, 1999 meeting were read and accepted. Lynn Bartschi reported \$1363.31 in the club treasury, \$296.00 is in the repeater fund.

Ed has the key to the veteran's hall. It looks as if we can use the hall for our meetings for the rest of the year. Fred Soderer, WB6QVI, made a motion that we donate \$15.00 to the veterans each month. Jim Clark, KO6HV, seconded this motion. The discussion that followed centered on the ability of the club to give this amount each month. Lynn pointed out that it was just about the amount that we have been paying for the repeater telephone bill. We no longer have to pay for the telephone as the Sandia Corporation is paying the bill. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Repeater interference was discussed. If there is interference during our net, we will shift to our emergency repeater, 145.310 PL 77. All who are able should program this into their radio to make this shift easy. Lloyd Bumpus, N6EL will select another operator to help him and they will remain on 145.170.

Dennis Bullock, KF6QVC and Johanna Frame, AD6SK will be co-chairmen of field day. The nominating committee will be selected later. Ed will continue as editor of the newsletter. Sandra Benthussen will continue as hospitality chairman. There was a discussion to see if members wished to do the frog jump special events station. Interest was shown by those present and Fred said he would have the announcement put in QST.

The activity manager, Fred Soderer-WB6QVI, told the group about activities he was considering for the year. He asked the club for suggestions. Some activities being considered are the following:

- Fox Hunt - Is anyone interested in putting something together?

- CW Group - This group would meet after Monday net for friendly slow speed practice.

- How to handle emergencies using two meters. This would be a meeting topic.

- A schedule of operators to monitor the repeater to welcome visitors and help with any emergencies.

- A workshop to check out and service our two meter equipment.

- Non-ham activities for the whole family such as a pizza night.

- Provide communications for non-profit community events.

These activities are in addition to the monthly breakfast, frog jump special event, field day, summer picnic, and Christmas party.

The next club breakfast will be on February 5. Jim Clark is asking all to attend. The future of R.A.C.E.S. will be discussed.

Delicious cookies and coffee were enjoyed during the break. Sandra Benthussen was the cook. Fred presented the program. By drawing diagrams, he showed why impedance matching is so very important. After the explanation he handed out a handout showing how just a small difference could magnify and become very large.

Presented By: Patsy Clark, KN6XW for
Marcia Barnum, KF6REW, Secretary