

MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

The meeting began with the program. Fred Soderer, WB6QVI introduced the speaker. The speaker for the evening was Pat Murphy who is fire chief for the Murphys district. His topic was handling emergencies using two meters.

Chief Murphy told us about the Com Support Program. Hams are used to assist with traffic control during emergencies. In this way, all the fire personnel can work handling the emergency. Cecil Martin, KE6TJF is a member of this group of volunteers. More volunteers are needed. Those living in the Murphys area that would like to join this support program should contact Chief Murphy.

When handling an emergency it is most important to know your location. Be as descriptive as possible when reporting the emergency. When mobile observe where you are at all times so if needed you can give an accurate location. Chief Murphy explained the different way 911 calls were handled depending on the type of phone used. 911 calls using a cell phone in Calaveras County go to the Highway Patrol in Stockton. Tell the dispatcher that you are calling from Calaveras County. Then state the emergency. Your call will be transferred to the correct agency. A dispatcher at the sheriff's office handles your call from a telephone. After you state your emergency, your call is transferred to the correct agency. The one receiving your call first is called the preceptor.

In advance Chief Murphy arranged with the dispatchers at the sheriff's office to make a 911 call using a two-meter radio. Fred Soderer demonstrated how to make the call. The call went through successfully to Jo Musgrave. Chief Murphy talked with Jo.

Thank you Chief Murphy for a very informative program.

Ed Ule, K0YOG called the business meeting to order. The minutes from the January 20 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer, Lynn Bartschi, AC6CY reported \$976.09 in the bank. \$296. Is in the repeater fund. This is after all bills paid, even the insurance which is our biggest expenditure of the year.

We will have a schedule for monitoring the repeater. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the March breakfast.

Don Benthussen explained what the repeater group to keep the vault housing the WB6MFV repeater was doing. The club received a bill for \$500.00, which was due March 1 as a reapplication fee. It seems the state had not received rent from the club since 1996. After the repeater group contacted the state this status was changed. The group has composed a letter listing ways the repeater has been used to benefit the state during emergencies. It is hoped that this charge will be rescinded or that the California Department of Forests will pay it for us.

A motion was made to donate \$30.00 to the Sierra Bible Church. The VE Examiners use their facility to give ham radio examinations. We much appreciate having the use of this facility. The motion was passed.

Fred is working on a family activity for next month. He will announce this in the newsletter.

Treats for the evening were furnished by June Martin, KE6UTY in honor of Cecil's birthday.

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