

Minutes, Calaveras Amateur Radio Society
December 10, 2005

The meeting was called to order by president, Andy Thomas – NV6V at 12:50 p.m. This meeting took place in the home of Arturo Salazar, N6PGH and Kit Brown, WB6QVU during the Christmas party. Andy began by thanking Arturo and Kit for hosting the party in their home. Lynn Bartschi, AC6CY, reported \$700.00 for the treasure's report. There were no minutes from the September meeting.

Andy said he could not continue as president for another year but that he would continue to be active in the club. He asked for nominations for president. This years vice president, Ken Sanders – AE6LA with a little help nominated himself for the position. Fred Soderer, WB6QVI, moved that the secretary enter in his election by an unanimous ballot. Doug Hanson, WB6MFV, seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. In like manner, Jim Clark – KO6HV was elected vice president and Kit Brown, WB6QVU was elected secretary. Lynn Bartschi, AC6CY volunteered to continue as treasurer. An activities chairman, especially to chair field day is still needed.

We had several new people at the party so self-introductions were made.

We need to purchase a new controller so we have a spare. During this last breakdown Doug allowed the use his controller for a spare. When he moves we will not be able to do this. The cost of the new controller will be \$712.00 Lynn reported that we have \$100.00 in the repeater fund now. Doug explained that the club had never owned the repeater. He said that this was good as it prevents bickering by club members. For this reason he said the repeater had always been supported by donations. Arturo moved that we move the dues to Jan. 1 and contribute \$300.00 to the repeater fund. There was no second. Lynn suggested that we leave the dues as is and ask for contributions. Andy said the repeater could be used by anyone and that it was understood that each amateur using repeaters should support one repeater but it was not necessary to support every repeater used. Ken reminded that a good reason for supporting the repeater was the use of the auto patch which was of great value when needed for safety reasons. Jim said that if all members throw in \$20.00 we would have more than enough. Arturo thanked all those who work so hard keeping the repeater in operation. Doug said that the new controller would be a step up with more features. The old controller would become the back up. Andy then thanked Doug for his work since 1982, for the thankless hours he had spent over the years. Andy asked for additional comments from those present thanking Doug. Many words of thanks followed. Doug told of the debt owed Larry Gillespie, K7MI. Larry built the controller and recently fixed it for no charge. Doug suggested we write Larry a letter thanking him for all his help.

At this time Andy presented Doug with a plaque from the club. The beautiful plaque had a picture of the repeater, which was taken by Doug and is on the web site and words thanking Doug for his work for over twenty years with the repeater. Doug accepted the plaque with much appreciation.

Doug said that since he would be moving, people needed to be trained to program the controller and to keep it going. This needs to be done on a Saturday before March. The controlling is done remotely using the touch-tone on a radio. Jim and Patsy Clark volunteered the use of their home in Arnold for the class. Doug will propose a date later for some time after Christmas.

Ken asked for net control volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The potluck meal and much good fellowship followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Clark, KN6XW, Secretary