

Minutes of the June 19, 2008 C.A.R.S. Meeting

This was our second meeting this year in Angels Camp, CA. Attended by 22 members and 1 guest, our President Elect, Ken, welcomed the group and we started at 6:51p.m. after a nice dinner.

Ken, AE6LA, began with an update regarding Andy, NV6V, which we were all anxious to hear. A moment of prayer was given in our support of his speedy recovery.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by myself, N6IV, and Lynn, AC6CY, gave his treasurer's report. Lynn declared the club has \$1,002.27 collected and asked the club members to please pay the annual dues coming up June 30. Both reports were accepted into record by the members.

N6IV reported that the members recent vote on the by-laws resulted in a unanimous passing with no objections. The By Laws are now in place and functioning.

Ken stated that the repeater committee had a good get together in Mt. Ranch and a second repeater site for emergency and non-emergency use is still desired. Sierra Vista (Quiggs Mtn), between Mt. Ranch and San Andreas, was mentioned as a possible site that might result in better coverage for the Valley Springs and northern county areas.

Our repeater now has a new location inside the recently refurbished vault on Fowler Peak. AE6LA, K6DUY, and KD6NRB spent many long hours moving the repeater to its new rack. The solar back up is fully functioning and George, KG6OJV, offered to take the old steel repeater enclosure.

IRPL has been working fine and Ken mentioned that a Digi-repeater site in Colombia at 145.050 MHz is up and running.

Tim, KD6NRB, proposed that the club donate \$50.00 to the Amateur Radio Newslite. This motion was passed by the members.

John, KI6ART, reports that the newsletter will be forthcoming and please give him any items of interest to be included. With our by laws now in place John is finalizing the IRS submittal to Jim Granell in Sonora who will give a final review and submit our application for non-profit status.

Last years grant proposal to the county was not accepted due in part because our group was not non-profit. We are updating and resubmitting the proposal as our IRS status will now change.

Arturo, N6PGH, reporting for the Events Committee, stated that the Sierra Century Bike ride went very well this June as did the previous Party Pardee ride. We received a nice thank you letter from David Storm of the Sacramento Wheelers Bike club and we also received good publicity in the Amador newspaper featuring Miriam, K6MAB and P.T.,KG6FEY. Again, the repeater system and coordination of Ham radio operators helped make these events safer and more successful.

Thank you Arturo and all participants for your hard work.

Bill, K6DUY, Field Day Chairman, reports 21 members have signed up so far and a coordinated effort by K6DUY, WA6AJW, WS6P and others is in progress to create professional looking signs to direct the public to the Field Day site. Everyone is invited to the potluck on Sat. June 28, 2008 at Bear Valley.

Net Manager, WB6QVI, Fred, is still in need of Net Control Ops. He says being net control is an easy introduction to handling emergency traffic and is also fun to do. Please volunteer. Fred suggested we add the "Incorporation" term to our NET preamble. There was general agreement.

WA6AJW, proposed activating the Club's various emergency sites during the net which are located throughout the county. This led to discussion of mapping and documenting the readiness of these sites.

Patsy, KN6XW, VE coordinator, reports a very successful VE test session this June resulting in 2 new generals, 1 tech, and 2 extras. Thanks also go to Miriam, K6MAB, Jack, K6TTT, and Jim, KO6HV, acting as VE's. More VE's are needed and accreditation is a simple process. At this time Patsy also requested permission to notify the new hams that they will be given a complimentary CARS membership for one year. We hope this will encourage club enrollment and provide fellowship to those new to the hobby.

Charlotte, N6NML, has now been adopted as the official CARS historian/archivist and John, KI6ART, has assumed the position of Public Information Officer, in addition to his many other roles.

In closing Ken mentioned that elections will be coming up soon and we need a good pool of nominees for the 5 officer positions. Members should consider their role in supporting our newly incorporated club as there is place for everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by N6IV, CARS Secretary