CARS, INC BUSINESS MEETING MAY 14, 2009 MINUTES

President Ken Sanders – AE6LA called the meeting to order followed by the flag salute. Twenty-one members and guests were in attendance.

The minutes published in the Wavelength Newsletter were corrected. Arturo Salazar – N6PGH is co-assistant emergency coordinator along with Kit Brown – WB6QVU for the Mountain Ranch area. The minutes were accepted with this correction.

The Treasurer, Bill Holmes – K6DUY reported \$1, 733.97 in the account. Some dues have come in, and some CARS hats were sold. The treasurer's report was accepted.

REPORTS

Vice President, Steve Airola - W6RXK

Wally Radcliff from Columbia Communications was introduced. Steve has many good presentations planned for future meetings. Good attendance at these meetings is needed.

President, Ken Sanders - AE6LA

We have a new antenna for packet. He is happy so many are pitching in to help. Linda and Ray Word are the chairpersons from TCARES for the September 12 joint BBQ.

Bylaws Committee, Chuck Farr - W6AJW

An amendment to our Bylaws was proposed. The purpose of the amendment is to alleviate confusion by putting the repeater under the club umbrella. All assets will be conveyed to CARS. The position of repeater operator will be established. A vote on this amendment is necessary. Ken – AE6LA moved that the same voting procedure be used as when adopting the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Chuck – W6AJW and approved.

PIO, Grant, Breakfast, VE Committees, John Davenport - KI6ART

A written report was presented, since John was unable to be at the meeting. The Wavelength Newsletter was published, and emailed to 70 members at the end of April. It was mailed to four members without email addresses. Since it is expensive to mail the Wavelength Newsletter, John is asking all members to provide him with an email address. This can be obtained by signing up with "Yahoo", or "Google Gmail".

Breakfast on May 2nd was attended by 17 CARS members, who enjoyed the great meal provided by the Murphys Historic Hotel. Lots of commaderie and laughs...Please make plans now to attend the next breakfast on June 6th, 9:00 am at the Murphys Hotel.

IRLP & Technology, Andy Thomas - NV6V

Andy said he was making good progress with the IRLP. Bill – K6DUY said the website was excellent, at which everyone showed agreement by applause.

ARES/OES Committee, PT Brown - KG6FEY

PT is working with Nancy Longmore on how TCARES and CARS can help. Those wishing to help were reminded to get the training and certificates required. The information for training and required lessons are on the CARS website.

Special Event / Frog Jump, Barry Thaysen - K3UG & Andy Thomas - NV6V

Sam – WS6P has already made 102 twenty-meter contacts on this the first day of the event. There is a two dollar charge for the certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope should be requested.

Field Day, Bill Holmes – K6DUY

The planning meeting for field day was very successful resulting in field day being well organized. Eats will be hamburgers and hotdogs. Those taking part should go up ahead of time to see the site.

Net Manager, Fred Soderer, WB6QVI

The net is covered through July. Fred needs operators for the last three months.

Digital Net / NBEMS, Sam Hernandez – WS6P

The Net meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM. The group has discovered two problems: over modulation, and stations off frequency. There is available software for calibrating the frequency. If you don't have it, contact Sam for information.

The meeting was adjourned, then followed by refreshments furnished by Bill – K6DUY and Tim – KD6NRB.

Wally Radcliff presented the evening's program. He gave an interesting presentation on how he has erected towers for many years in this area.

Respectfully submitted, Patsy Clark – KN6XW, Secretary