

CARS, INC
BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Sanders - AE6LA followed by the flag salute and self-introductions. The minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting were accepted as printed. Treasurer Bill Holmes, K6DUY reported \$2303.00 at the beginning of the period and \$1925.00 after the bills were paid. The bills paid included the expenses to the club for the September joint picnic with TCARES on Sept. 12 and name badges for new members.

Patsy Clark, KN6XW reported the picnic was very successful and that comments from those attending were very favorable. Ken asked if we should repeat the picnic next year and the response was yes. A motion made by Chuck Farr, W6AJW and seconded by Jim Clark, KO6HV that we invite members from other clubs such as Amador and Stanislaus Counties passed unanimously. People will be needed to chair and do the work for the picnic. When it is closer to picnic time be thinking about stepping forward to help.

Steve Airola, W6RXK has arranged for Paul Shin from Valley Springs to be our speaker for the January 14 meeting. He will probably speak on fox hunting. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan on being at the meeting.

Ken, AE6LA reported NARCC was very unsettled after the attempt to change the band plan failed. Ken would like better usage of the repeater. There is too much time when nothing is heard. He wants us to use it more and to be friendly especially to visitors or those new to the repeater. In addition to the equipment at Fowler Peak, Ken has the auto patch at his home on his telephone line. Bill Holmes, K6DUY proposed and John Davenport, KI6ART seconded that Ken investigate prices for all necessary equipment to have IRLP and report next meeting. The motion passed.

The bylaw change passed. The Fowler Peak Repeater Group is now the repeater operating committee of CARS, Inc. Ken Sanders is the Repeater Operator. The merger Bylaw was signed by the president and secretary of CARS, Inc. and the Fowler Repeater Group. Others present also signed the document which was given to the secretary to make copies for other board members and to keep.

John Davenport, KI6ART continues to work on getting a grant. The PG&E grant period for this year is closed so John is working to be able to apply in 2010. There will be a VE session on December 19, 2009 at the Ebbetts Pass Fire House at 9:30 am. Breakfasts are being well attended and the hotel is happy with the way things are going.

Frog jump certificates need to be completed and mailed out to those participants requesting one. Andy Thomas, NV6V just doesn't have time to complete the job so Bill

Holmes, K6DUY asked Ken to contact Andy about getting everything to Bill. Bill will see that the certificates are completed and mailed..

We have chairmen for next year's field day. Bill Holmes, K6DUY and Sam Hernandez, WS6P will be cochairmen. Then the following year Sam will be chairman.

Fred Soderer, WB6QVI said a net control station was needed for the net in December. Ken Sanders, AE6LA volunteered. Sam Hernandez, WS6P with his assistant Kathy Hernandez, KI6OBE will be net manager for next year. In addition to our CARS, Inc. net on Monday evenings there is a ten meter net on 28.450 after our net sponsored by TCARES. On Tuesday evenings our own Don Wilber, WD6GYJ is net control station for an Amador net. This net on 28.475 is right after the Amador net around 8:00 p.m. The digital net led by Sam Hernandez continues to grow and to learn. All are welcome to join them. Contact Sam to get started.

Chuck Farr, W6AJW made a motion that the election be taken care of with a white ballot for the three offices, President, PIO, and secretary. There was a second and the motion passed. The three were elected by a show of hands.

New Officers: President, Ken Sanders, AE6LA
Secretary, Barry Thaysen, K3UG
PIO, John Davenport, KI6ART

Continuing Officers: Vice President, Steve Airola, W6RXK
Treasurer, Bill Holmes, K6DUI

The software used for the repeater on Mt. Reba is free but a donation is requested to the cancer association. Bill Holmes, K6DUI moved and Chuck Farr, W6AJW seconded that we give \$25.00 to the cancer association. The motion passed.

The next activity is the Christmas Party on December 6 at the home of Ken and Lynn Sanders. They will furnish ham, turkey, and drinks. We bring either a side dish, salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Ken will be asking on the net who plans on attending and what dish they will bring. There will not be a December breakfast so the next breakfast will be January 9.

The business meeting was adjourned. Refreshments followed, delicious cakes made by Kathy Hernandez, KI6OVE and John Davenport brought a cake made by Jan Bailey. Thanks Kathy for fixing the coffee and serving the cakes.

Dennis McCord, AC6WP presented a very interesting program on the MARS bands. He has handled traffic for many years for the Air Force. He said it was surprising how many times other forms of communication failed and the ham radio needed to be used. He told stories of times he had been able to help pilots in distress and in other ways. He told how to get a license and the equipment needed for this interesting work.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Clark, KN6XW Secretary