

CARS , INC  
Business Meeting  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 1845 hrs

The meeting was called to order by Ken Sanders AE6LA, President followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and self introductions.

The minutes from the business meeting held November 12, 2009 were accepted as printed pursuant to a motion made by Chuck Farr W6AJW which passed unanimously.

There was no new correspondence.

Treasurer Bill Holmes K6DUY gave a financial report which included the report of a current balance of \$1782.06. There is no outstanding debt.

\*\*\*03/10/10 Minutes amended: The treasurer also reported a \$25 donation to the American Cancer Society based on the club's registration of N6FRG with UIview..(APRS software).

Vice President Steve Airola W6RXK advised the group that tonight's guest speaker would be Paul Shin K6FRC. His presentation will be on transmitter hunting.

President Ken Sanders AE6LA reported on the current status of the repeater on Fowler Peak. There have be no significant changes since the last meeting, the systems continues to perform as designed and there have been no interruptions in service.

Ken reports that we are current with our NARCC sanction, and dues.

Ken also touched on the successful Christmas Party held at his home, this past December. Club members expressed appreciation to Ken and his wife Lynn for once again hosting this yearly event.

Club PIO/Grants Manager John Davenport KI6ART reports that he is waiting for the 2010 'window' to open for grant requests to PG&E.

John also reports that a VE session was held in Arnold in December, and as a result there is one new Extra Class, and one new Tech-General.

There was no IRLP/Technology report.

Calaveras County EC, PT Brown KG6FEY and Sam Hernandez WS6P, AEC for West Point presented a proposal for the purchase and installation of antennas at shelter locations in the West Point area. There was much discussion about the merits and potential avenues for provision of funding for this project. The proposal was tabled for further study.

Bill Holmes reported that he has made some progress on obtaining the certificates for stations requesting QSL for working the Special Event station during the Frogjump. He will soon be requesting a work party at his home for the purpose of addressing/stamping envelopes and sending them out.

Sam Hernandez and Bill Holmes will be Co-Chairmen for this year's CARS Field Day effort. They will be calling a meeting soon to discuss plans.

Fred Soderer WA6QVI our 2009 Net Manager expressed KUDOS to Ken for the consistent availability of the 145.17 repeater for the Net, and for general use of the club.

Fred also recognized Dee KG6VLF for her second year in a row of perfect Monday night attendance. Quite a feat! Thanks for your dedication Dee. Also, both Sam WS6P and Kathy KI6OBE are recognized as having one year of perfect Monday night net attendance. Sam and Kathy, thank you, and well done!

Sam Hernandez WS6P as the new Net Manager presented some changes to the net preamble. It is available for download in the 'members only' area of the website.

Sam reports that the following stations will assume NCS duties as listed:

- January WS6P
- February KG6VLF
- March ~~AC6CY~~ WS6P
- *MM1L AC6CY*

Sam reported on NBEMS, and indicated that his training net continues to meet and provide training on this system to interested hams in the Motherlode area.

Ken has been testing WINMOR, a new sound card based program being tested by the Winlink group for use with their system. This program will be available as freeware.

Old Business: Ken briefed the group on discussions with TCARES regarding the planned second annual joint picnic. Ken will continue to explore suitable dates and is seeking a club member to assume the Chairmanship for this event.

There was brief discussion about the upcoming possibility that we may partner with the ARES program in San Joaquin County, in an effort to provide digipeating capability on Fowler Peak. Still in the planning stages, this system has the potential to provide Winlink RMS email service for our area as well.

New Business: A motion was made by Chuck Farr W6AJW and seconded by Steve Airola W6RXK that the meeting time be moved to 1830. The motion passed unanimously after limited discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours and was followed by the presentation of our guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Thaysen K3UG

Secretary - Calaveras Amateur Radio Society