

CARS , INC
Business Meeting
July 14, 2011 – 1830 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 May 12, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer Bill Holmes K6DUY was not present, a financial report was submitted and read by President Ken Sanders, our current total balance is: \$1850.79. There is no outstanding debt.

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 reported that a crew of CARS members worked at the Fowler Peak site on 5/14.. their mission was to cut down the weeds. It was also noted that there is a new A/C unit installed at the Fowler Site courtesy of CalFIRE.

Ken also reminded those in attendance that there would be elections held at the next meeting to elect the President, PIO, and Secretary. This will serve as a call for nominations.

A motion was made by Chuck Farr and seconded by Sam Hernandez to accept a bid of \$425.00 for Ed Ule's 2 meter station (donated to the club for best use).

The concept of extending coverage on 145.17 into the Valley Springs area was discussed and tabled until the first opportunity for those members that live in the proposed coverage area can discuss.

The broadcast of the Amateur Radio Newsline will continue prior the the Net on Monday nights.

Club PIO/Grants Manager John Davenport KI6ART reported on the Saturday morning breakfasts in Murphys, and the future plans for VE sessions. John presented an idea/concept for the recognition of VECs who give of their time/expertise for the sessions. The club voted to fund (not to exceed \$200.00) the design/purchase of pins/certificates to be awarded those VECs that participate in a minimum of 5 VE sessions.

ARES/RACES report from PT Brown KG6FEY was not present. Sam Hernandez reported that the Blue Mountain Emergency Group had approached him with the idea that radio equipped members of our club could drive their intended evacuation routes to test repeater coverage.. anyone interested in helping should contact Sam WS6P.

Andy Thomas NV6V WebMaster was not present.

Sam Hernandez reported on the status of our Monday Night Net, which continues to be popular and is going great. Sam's NBEMS nets also continue to be popular and a very useful resource for learning to use this program.

Sam WS6P reported on final Field Day results; an entry was submitted on behalf of CARS in the 7A category, with a final score of 3252 points. A good time was had by all, there was great weather and there was a good turnout.

Tim Cody KD6NRB as Chairman of the coming Joint Picnic led a discussion on picnic planning, it was decided that the club would BBQ Tri-Tip. TCARES will provide drinks.

Under new business a suggestion was made that the club PIO correspond with the SCM to keep him advised of club activities/plans. The SCM has solicited input from clubs for info to be included in his monthly Section bulletin.

The meeting adjourned at 2030

Barry Thaysen K3UG
Secretary - Calaveras Amateur Radio Society