

CARS Meeting Agenda
Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting(s)
January 10, 2013 - 5:30pm repeater & 6:30 General

The Business Meeting was called to order by CARS President Ken Sanders at 18:45. After the Pledge of allegiance and a round of introductions, meeting moved right to officer reports.

Secretary Report: Ken asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting . In the absence of Rob, it was suggested we dispense with reading the minutes of the November 8th meeting and they were accepted as is.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Holmes K6DUY was present to submit his financial report. He reported a current balance of: \$3668.31. Bill mentioned we now have 96 paid up members and all current bills have been paid.

Vice president's Report: Vice President Steve W6RXX was absent, no report submitted.

President's Report & Repeater Report: Ken AE6LA reported our Fowler 145.17 repeater has been acting up lately and He went up to visit the site this past week. He cooed, patted and caressed it and it seems to respond, but the cause of the intermittent interference or failure is not yet evident. Ken also reported our 145.17 Mhz frequency coordination has been OK'd for the next three years.

Ken is looking into a UHF Repeater for Arnold co-located with a new BLSHOA (Blue Lake Springs Home Owners Association) repeater (business band) they are planning at water tank above the development.

Lastly Ken asked to be thinking about the officer slate for next year. Pres. PIO, Secy. Slate is due in September.

PIO Report: John Davenport KI6ART reported our monthly breakfasts continue to be popular with last week's attendance of 24 people.

The money collected at the Christmas part of \$680.00 was turned over to the local food bank and was much appreciated. Many thanks to the club members.

A VE session is scheduled for Feb. 16th at the Arnold Ebbetts Pass Fire Station at 9:30 am and VE s should be there at 9.

Web Master Andy Thomas, NV6V was absent, no report submitted.

Ares/OES Committee Report: PT Brown KG6FEY was absent, no report submitted.

Net Manager & NBEMS Report: Sam Hernandez, WS6P reported He and His wife Kathy had 100% net participation last year and Dee only missed it because a Power outage one night. Nice job folks. Sam is trying for a all XYL Net Control this year. Good Luck Ladies.

Sam has a cross-band repeater working in the West Point area which enables much better coverage on Net night.

Sam continued with the NEMBS report for last week on the 160 Meter band and said it was strong in the beginning but waned by the end. Remember to check in to the Monday night net to get the weekly NEMBS update & plan for the week.

Field Day: Sam, WS6P & Bill, K6DUY The Date is: June 22 – 23 and it looks like Bear Valley.

Picnic Committee: Tim Cody reported the committee is idle until spring. The date is September 7th 2013.

Old business There was a question of what ever happened to the idea of the Motorola Micor based repeater and the commercial radios. There seems to be a lot of interest in these radios and their 900 Mhz repeater the covers the valley around Stockton. Glenn Pitts, K6KJQ gave a presentation last meeting and has a web site at <http://www.kjq.us.com/>.

New Business: The Repeater Committee met before the general meeting and came up with a recommendation of purchasing a new repeater for the Fowler site. There was a motion to earmark \$1500.00 of the clubs money for a repeater replacement pending a specific recommendation from the committee for final approval in a future meeting. The motion was second and passed after discussion requesting a group of knowledgeable people to look at what the best bang for our buck would be.

Bill threw out the question if the club was interested in promoting a Kids Day for ham radio. Food for thought.

Upcoming Calendar / Events: Monthly Breakfast, Feb2 & mar. 2, 2013, 9am Murphy's Hotel; VE Session Feb16; Bi-monthly business meeting Mar.14th, 6:30 IOOF Hall in Angels; Mountain Ranch SET meeting April 20, 2013; BBQ Sep. 7th

The Meeting was adjourned by Ken at 2005 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cody, KD6NRB
Stand in Secretary - Calaveras Amateur Radio Society