

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2015

- 1) Welcome and Opening by President Ken Sanders at 1830 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and agenda changes. 16 Members were present.
- 2) **Program:** A roundtable discussion was held on the Butte Fire. Each member present gave their experiences of the fire. Mike Fahmic, WA6ZTY, spoke on movement of the fire and sites he had discovered that gave near real-time data. PT Brown, xxxxxx, was working emergency communications for the county, and spoke of the volunteer HAM efforts. He presented a list of those who volunteered, and volunteers who were actually used. (Attachment #1 to minutes.) Accolades went out to PT and Sam Hernandez, WS6P, from all members present for their service during the fire.
- 3) **Reading of minutes/ Correspondence by Secretary –Steve Dexter, AA6AQ**
 - a) No correspondence this month to report.
 - b) Minutes of 9 July meeting were accepted by motion. Only exception was under new business, N6TP is alive and well.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX
 - a) CARS currently has an account balance of \$3803.73
 - b) Membership update – Paid up members (as of 10 Sept) = 87.
 - c) Motion was made and passed to Reimburse Sam, WS6P, for UMA box and service.
 - d) \$35.00 was donated to club treasury from estate sale of equipment.
 - e) Motion was made and passed to Reimburse Ken, AE6LA, for phone equipment.
 - f) Eileen to give report on annual expenses next meeting.
- 5) **Vice President's Report** – Bill Holmes, K6DUY
 - a) Mike Fahmic, WA6ZTY, had program but no projector to view. Deferred to next meeting.
- 6) **President & Repeater Operator Report** – Ken Sanders, AE6LA
 - a) Fowler repeater working good. 5.17, 4.39, 4.31 & Digipeaters, Echolink, APRS
 - b) Fowler VOIP phone line installed and working well. IRLP /Echo link/Control for Fowler computer to be determined.
 - c) Mt. Reba – 4.39, 441.0375; digipeater & repeater working ok..
- 7) **Breakfasts Reports** – Steve Dexter, AA6AQ
 - a) Next breakfast will be Saturday October 3rd, 9 am at the Murphys Hotel. Also Grape Stomp day in Murphys. Novembers breakfast will be Saturday, November 7th. 13 members were at Septembers breakfast.
- 8) **Web Master** – Andy Thomas, NV6V Website: CalaverasARS.org
 - a) Club roster is online and accurate with the exception of two minor changes.
- 9) **ARES/OES Committee Report** – PT Brown, KG6FEY; Sam, WS6P; Kit, WB6QVU; Ken – AE6LA
 - a) Narrow Band Emergency Network (NBEMS) is Wednesday nights at 2030 hours on 3584.00. 1000 cycles up.
 - b) California State Emergency Net: (CSEN) After CARS net on Monday nights. 2000 hours on 3.992. Also Wednesday at 1000 hours on 7.230. 160 meters 1.992 on 4th Monday @ 2000 hours. Authorized check-ins only.
 - c) A T-CSET is planned for Wednesday, April 21st, 2016 with Tuolumne County. Save the date, more info to follow. CARS will need to provide radio operators.

- d) An ARES & EC "Train the Trainers" session is being held on Saturday October 10th at 1000 by the Stockton Delta ARC. It will be at the Comcast building in Stockton. Goal of class is to teach others to do a "Ham Cram" for ARES / EC training.
- e) Butte fire lessons learned. Amador Ham Club shut down communications at Rancheria shelter site without notifying anyone. Need to set up procedure for passing information like this back and forth between Clubs/Sites. Develop scenario to improve, possibly thru EOC.
- f) **ARES Communications Committee** - Sam Hernandez, WS6P; Chuck Farr, W6AJW; Michael Axiak KK6FDB,
 - i) CARS Communications Trailer - Chuck gave status & new requirements for trailer. Estimated \$700.00 for roof coating materials. Estimate \$150.00 for carpet installation. Requested spending limit of \$1000.00, motion was approved. Chuck will itemize list of materials/parts required. List will be provided to CARS officers, who will authorize expenditures. Treasurer (Eileen) and Chuck will work out details of providing funding and buying. We have currently spent approximately \$500.00 on trailer.
 - ii) Chuck will check on trailer insurance coverage.
- 10) **Monday night Net Manager & NBEMS Report** - Sam Hernandez, WS6P
 - a) NBEMS: 3583 Mhz, up 1000 cycles, 2015 hours on 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesdays.
 - b) Sam is pleased with the participation of the net controllers, thanked all who check-in.
- 11) **Field Day 2016**
 - a) To be held June 25-26, 2016
- 12) **Picnic Committee** - Tim Cody, KD6NRB.
 - a) Picnic to be held September 12th was cancelled due to Butte fire. No date to reschedule
- 13) **Repeater Committee** - See Presidents remarks (paragraph 6)
- 14) **VE Liaison - Suzan Flanary (formerly LaDuke) K6CDK**
 - a) Schedule for VE exams - November 14th, Saturday, Moke Hill Fire Department
 - b) July 18th VE Session at West Point - 2 new technician licenses
- 15) **Public Information Officer** - John Davenport: No report
- 16) **Old Business**: None
- 17) **New Business**
 - a) Nominations are open for President ; Public Information Officer (PIO) ; and Secretary
 - i) Current nominees are Ken Sanders for President, and Steve Dexter for Secretary
 - b) Other Nominations are requested from the club membership. Nominate and/or vote on club website: CalaverasARC.org
 - c) Voting open October and November
 - d) Officers take office in December at Christmas party, term of two years.
- 18) **Event Calendar:**
 - a) Monthly Breakfast Saturday, Saturday, Oct 3rd at Murphys Hotel, 9 am. Next one November 7th.
 - b) Bi-monthly business meeting Thursday, Nov 12th, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels;
 - c) VE session - November 14th, Moke Hill Fire Department.
- 19) **Final Comments & Adjournment**
 - a) Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Steve Dexter, AA6AQ
 CARS Secretary