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Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2015

- 1) Welcome and Opening by President Ken Sanders, AE6LA, at 1825 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and agenda changes. 22 Members were present.
- 2) **Program**: A short program on soldering was conducted by Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY, at the conclusion of the regular business meeting.
- 3) **Reading of minutes/ Correspondence by Secretary –Steve Dexter, AA6AQ**
 - a) No correspondence this month to report.
 - b) Minutes of the September 17th meeting were accepted by motion. Only exception was that the call sign for P.T. Brown, KG6FEY, had not been included in the Butte Fire discussion of the September meeting.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX
 - a) CARS currently has an account balance of \$2902.97
 - b) Membership update – Paid up members 93, ARRL membership is 74%.
 - c) A continuing resolution was approved for continuing to pay bills, to be renewed every two months.
 - d) Eileen handed out Excel spreadsheets of call sign lists. Which include dues status of each member, ARRL membership, email, etc.
- 5) **Vice President's Report** – Bill Holmes, K6DUY
 - a) Christmas Party is Saturday December 5th at Bills house, from 1300 to 1700. Directions and notification sent out under separate email from Bill.
 - b) There will be a flea market at the Christmas party with miscellaneous equipment for sale.
 - c) Guy, KK6VQY, developed a website that needs updated. Looking for a volunteer to help.
- 6) **President & Repeater Operator Report** – Ken Sanders, AE6LA
 - a) Fowler repeater working good. 5.17, 4.39, 4.31 & Digipeaters, Echolink, APRS
 - i) Contoller won't reset via phone line.
 - b) Mt. Reba – 4.39, 441.0375; digipeater & repeater working ok..
 - c) Club call sign license renewed thru 2026. All club business, 501C3 status, up to date.
- 7) **Breakfasts Reports** – Steve Dexter, AA6AQ
 - a) No breakfast in December, due to Christmas party on December 5th.
 - b) Next breakfast will be Saturday, January 2nd, 9 am at the Murphys Hotel.
- 8) **Mr. Frogs Wild Ride** – Steve Dexter, AA6AQ
 - a) Mr. Frogs Bicycle ride will be held Saturday, April 16th, 2016. CARS has provided excellent support in past years. We are looking for 10 operators to assist this year. All proceeds from the event go to benefit Feeney Park in Murphys
- 9) **Web Master** – Andy Thomas, NV6V Website: CalaverasARS.org
 - a) Club roster is online.
- 10) **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. However, has been cancelled since Butte Fire.
 - 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) The OES CA emergency services is looking for HAM radio volunteers. You will need to obtain OES card, submit job application, background check, and fill out ICS forms. Please contact PT Brown for more information.
 - d) 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.
- 11) **ARES Communications Committee** - Sam Hernandez, WS6P; Chuck Farr, W6AJW;
Michael Axiak ~~KK6EDB~~, *N6AXQ*
- i) CARS Communications Trailer – Purchased 3 VHF/UHF antennas
 - ii) Will order roof vents and do interior work
 - iii) HF triband antenna donated
 - iv) Work to continue on Thursday mornings at 0930, weather permitting
- 12) **Monday night Net Manager & NBEMS Report** – Sam Hernandez, WS6P
- a) NBEMS – Cancelled since Butte Fire
 - b) Monday night net coordinator covered until February
 - c) Sam gave overview on problems of getting signals out of OES building in San Andreas to provide effective radio coverage during an emergency. Will need two operators, one inside and outside.
- 13) **Field Day 2016**
- a) To be held June 25-26, 2016, at Camp Lodestar, Wilseyville. Same location as last year.
 - b) Rundown on Field Day contest results for 2015: CARS scored 19th in ARRL section, 80th in division. We were 400th in nation out of 1200.
- 14) **Picnic Committee** – Tim Cody, KD6NRB.
- a) Picnic to be held Saturday, September 10th, 2016
- 15) **Repeater Committee** – See Presidents remarks (paragraph 6)
- 16) **VE Liaison – Suzan Flanary K6CDK**
- a) No exams held due to Butte Fire.
 - b) Schedule for VE exams -
 - i) January 16, Saturday, 0930, Moke Hill Fire Department, 8160 Church St.
 - ii) February 27th, 3 pm, Arnold, Ebbets Pass Fire Station
 - iii) March 19th, Angels Camp Fire Station, 1404 Vallecito Road
 - iv) June 25th, at Field Day, Camp Lodestar
 - v) July 16th, Saturday, 0930, Arnold, Ebbets Pass fire station, 1037 Blagen Rd. Arnold
 - vi) September 10, Saturday, Utica Park, Angels Camp. Prior to Tri-county Club Picnic
 - vii) November 12th, Saturday, 0930, West Point Veterans Hall
- 17) **One Day Ham License – HAM Scram**
- a) Sam Hernandez, WS6P, and Ken Sanders, AE6LA, attended HAM Scram train the trainers exercise in Lodi.
 - b) Purpose of HAM Scram is to get quickly licensed. Cram for a day and take test. Emphasis is on short term memory, rather than having comprehension of subject matter on Ham test.
 - c) Discussion ensued on pros and cons of granting licenses based on this methodology.
- 18) **Public Information Officer** - John Davenport: No report

- 19) **Old Business:** Election of President and Secretary. By consensus, Ken Sanders, AE6LA, re-elected president for a two year term. Steve Dexter, AA6AQ was re-elected Secretary for a two year term.

20) **New Business – None**

21) **Event Calendar:**

- a) Christmas Party, at Bill Holmes, K6DUY, Saturday, December 5th. 2-5 pm
- b) Monthly Breakfast Saturday, Saturday, January 2nd, 2016 at Murphys Hotel, 9 am. Next one February 6th.
- c) Bi-monthly business meeting Thursday, January 14th, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels;
- d) VE session – January 16, Saturday, 0930, Moke Hill Fire Department.

22) **Final Comments & Adjournment**

- a) Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Dexter, AA6AQ
CARS Secretary