

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

July 12, 2018 6:30PM

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Chuck & Jerry

Self Introductions

Old Business

Reading of Minutes from Last Meeting Andy

Accepted as read.

Treasurers Report

Eileen

KK6GKX announced her resignation from the office of Treasurer effective at the end of the current meeting. She said that NV6V was willing to take over her duties until the end of the current term (Dec. 2018). NV6V confirmed his willingness to take over.

No action was taken at the meeting to confirm or deny NV6V as acting Treasurer. The day after the meeting, the Officers discussed, via email, the method to appoint NV6V.

Treasurer's report is attached.

Addendum:

JULY 15, 2018

CHUCK,

I MANAGED TO CONTACT ALL THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JULY 12, 2018 MEETING.

I EXPLAINED WHY I WAS CALLING AND ASKED EACH MEMBER HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON A MOTION TO INSTALL ANDY THOMAS AS THE NEW CARS TREASURER, REPLACING EILEEN THOMAS WHO HAS RESIGNED, FOR HER REMAINING TERM.

THE RESULTS ARE ATTACHED. THIS WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ATTENDANCE SHEET.

I, MARK GODBOUT N6IV, WILL SECOND THE ABOVE MENTIONED MOTION.

P.S. THE VOTING RESULTS WERE OBTAINED VIA DIRECT PHONE CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OR STATED IN EMAILS REGARDING THIS MOTION.

GLAD TO HELP

MARK, N6IV

The results are in! Thanks, Mark!

The motion passed and it's official Andy Thomas, NV6V, is appointed Treasurer for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Thanks, Andy for your continued service to the CARS Club and its members.

Also, a special thanks to Eileen for her service.

Chuck, W6AJW

Voting Poll is attached.

Net Report

Mike N6AXQ

Mike says "Thanks!" to all who participate in the weekly net.

Check-ins:

May High-33 Low-21 Avg-26 Percent of members-25% Visitors-13 (High)

June H-27 L-21 A-26 26% V-41

W6AJW commented that the net was in the right place at the right time for the large visitor check-in response in June.

WS6P asked N6AXQ the percentage of members who use the link to the Lodi repeater to check in to the weekly net. AE6LA questioned the reason to ask for this information. WS6P responded that he is attempting to determine if a repeater is needed in the Valley Springs area. AE6LA commented that there has been a lot of positive response from members and visitors alike of the linking for the Monday Net. AE6LA also commented that he has been working for some time to establish more reliable communication through the repeater for emergency communications for members and non-members. WA6AVR commented that if an appropriate location is found for CARS to put up a linked repeater, we should do so.

Breakfast Report

Mike K6AAN

K6AAN reports that the monthly breakfast get-togethers are doing well. June attendance was lower than usual due to many people being gone on vacation.

May-20 attendees

June-8

K6AAN delivered a \$50 check from CARS to the Lodi Radio Club as a way of showing appreciation for allowing us to use their repeater to link to our Monday Night Nets. Much positive response was received from members of the Lodi Club.

ARES/RACES Report

Sam & PT

Attached.

Linking Report

Sam

Attached.

W6AJW commented that the audio is much better on this repeater since the move to Copperopolis.

Repeater Report

Ken & Mike F.

AE6LA reported that 13 people have signed up for the July 21st Ham Cram. He expects that only about ½ of those will actually show up for the event, but that is enough to make it worthwhile. He believes there are enough VEs to cover the exam. The firehouse location has been confirmed. Thank you to WS6P for providing the fliers.

Repeater news: AE6LA reported he must meet with LaRue before he can move forward with the planned improvements on the repeater system. He is getting no response from LaRue through Facebook (the normal channel of communication) and is out of town now.

WA6ZTY reports that he emailed LaRue and received a reply. LaRue apologizes and is currently coordinating site work with another tenant. He expects to contact WA6ZTY within 2 weeks. No response was received regarding our desire to erect a 40' tower at the site. WA6ZTY advises that we should continue to be patient with this project, as our club is fortunate to have a site at all in this area.

WA6AVR commented that the projects planned by the repeater committee will be on hold until we hear back from LaRue.

WA6ZTY will ask LaRue about removing existing radio equipment that is in the rack assigned to CARS.

Field Day Report

Cory

KM6ELA was absent.

N6AXQ reported that he and KM6ELA were the only 2 members that showed up at the Field Day site. The site was abandoned on the first night. Very upsetting and embarrassing.

N6IV asked for a show of hands of those present who went to any Field Day location this year. He was upset with the low attendance. He feels that we as a club let KM6ELA down by not following through in attending the event. Field Day was planned for but there was no follow-through from the club. If nobody is interested with attending the CARS Field Day effort, it should be canceled.

WA6AVR commented that lessons were learned in this experience. In the future, the club should be more thorough with follow-through. If there is not enough interest, it should be canceled.

AE6LA commented that there was not enough follow-through on alternate locations. The Camp Lodestar location seemed to be the only choice that was offered.

A general discussion followed dealing with alternate locations, problems with other locations, and that enthusiasm is needed for the effort.

WA6AVR commented that we should not do this event if not done right. The club is looking for a Field Day chair now for next year. If nobody steps forward by the next three club meetings, the event should be canceled for next year. He also proposed the Angels Camp CalFire station as a possibility. No members present voiced their favor for that site.

New Business

N6AXQ is looking for volunteers to take NCS (Net Control Station) duties for the Monday Night Net for a month.

AE6LA feels we should re-instate the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our club meetings.

Adjournment **Chuck & Jerry**

2018 Club Events Calendar

July 21st **Ham Cram**

August 25th **Elmer Class**

September (TBD) Workshop

December 8th **Holiday Luncheon in Murphy's**

CARS TREASURY REPORT

07/12/18

BALANCE (on report)

1. As of 7/12/18 the CARS checking balance is: **\$3,724.61**

INCOME & EXPENSES (on report)

1. Income for last quarter 6/30/17-7/11/18: **\$3,584.77**

~ This includes membership dues, equipment sales, hat sales, VE income, and donations.

2. Expenses for last quarter 6/30/17-7/11/18: **\$3,877.37**

~ This includes fees for La Rue Communications, repeater expenses (including new project cost) field day (liability insurance, septic service, etc.), tax filing, phone bills, post office box, printing and reproduction costs, member award, member badges, charity, and biz supplies.

MEMBERSHIP (see roster)

1. As of 7/11/18 there are a total of 102 members.

Memberships are as follows:

<i>Individual -</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Family -</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Lifetime -</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Intro -</i>	<i><u>6</u></i>
	102

2. As of 7/11/18:

- **65** members have paid their dues (including those who have paid in the past, or are lifetime members.)
- **37** members have not paid their dues this quarter.

ARES / RACES:

RACES/ARES

The ARRL's ARES registration has finally been completed, our ARES connect ID: 009CA01. Still working with the ASEC to have our club recognized for our participation in ARES events and also be included in the monthly SJV Section report. Our SM or SEC has still not acknowledged any of my reports. ARRL looks like they will require ICS 100 & ICS 700 for ARES members, I'm working that issue.

Low level – Cell Repeaters

W6WPT repeater is running WIRES-X in Analog mode. Their Node is 33432 with a digital QSO room of 43432. N6FRG node has been moved to PT's Home, having issues with VoIP connections. The CARS node is 33481 with a digital room of 43481. New repeater for VS location is looking for a location, we will need a Duplexer, Antenna, Coax and AC power for repeater. A site with an internet connect is preferred, so WIRES-x can be used to connect to the N6FRG WIRES-x node.

CADS Exercise

The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society provided Radio operators for the Calaveras Animal Disaster Services exercise on June 9, 2018. The exercise tested the use of pilot cars for the animal trailers. CARS members provided radio communications between the pilot vehicle and trailer vehicles as well as back to the event coordinator via a Net Control Station. 24 man hours went into supporting this event. CARS ARES could not provide enough operators so Amador ARES provided radio operators in a mutual aid scenario. I would like to thank KM6ELF-Delia, K6MAB-Miriam, KI6OBE-Kathy, WA6AVR-Jerry and KG6FEY-PT. From Amador ARES I would like to thank AF5CN-Steve and KJ6WYW-Dan for their support.

AEC

A replacement is needed for the Valley Spring/ Burson area, have a member that is considering the position.

CALL	NAME	VOTE
K6AAN	MIKE DUGGER	YEA
W6AJW	CHUCK FARR	YEA
WA6AVR	JERRY TANNHAUSER	YEA
N6AXQ	MIKE AXIAK	YEA
K6DUY	BILL HOLMES	YEA
KM6ELF	DEE RICHINA	YEA
KK6GIX	EILEEN THOMAS	YEA
K06HV	JIM CLARK	YEA
N6IV	MARK GODBOUT	YEA
AE6LA	KEN SANDERS	YEA
KM6MBB	JOE PEERY	YEA
KI6OBE	KATHY HERNANDEZ	YEA
WS6P	SAM HERNANDEZ	YEA
KM6PDF	TOM KELLY	YEA
W6RXK	STEVE AIROLA	YEA
KM6SIO	SANDY KELLY	YEA
NV6V	ANDY THOMAS	YEA
KN6XW	PATSY CLARK	YEA
WA6ZTY	MIKE FAHMIE	YEA