

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for General Meeting, January 9, 2019, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

1. Meeting called to order: 18:32
 - a. Welcome by club president, Chuck, W6AJW
 - b. Pledge of allegiance by all
 - c. Self-Introductions by all
2. Reading of Minutes from Last Mtg by Jack, W6JAK. Approved as read.
3. Treasurers Report by Ken, AE6LA. (see attached)
 - a. Chuck sent out report and two e-mail addresses bounced. Ken will send out current e-mail list.
 - b. Andy, NV6V, continues managing the club's website for uploading files. Discussion of current members and former members who have dropped of the roll ensued.
 - c. Consensus is that Ken should continue sending out the club roster. There are 89 active members of which 46 are ARRL members (52%). ARRL requires 50% membership to maintain ARRL sanctioned club status. There was concern that the club could drop below the 50% threshold but Andy has not been able to get a report from ARRL to verify which club members have current ARRL memberships. So, it appears the ARRL is not keeping track so maintaining the 50% requirement may not be an issue.
 - d. Chuck will invite Chad Osborn from Calaveras OES to meeting.
 - e. \$300 payment sent to Knox LaRue for repeater site rent.
 - f. There is a \$34.26 discrepancy between Quicken and bank balance.
 - g. Ken has cash from hat and badge sales and will send proceeds to bank for deposit.
 - h. Ken recommends keeping PayPal for convenience of transactions.
4. Net Report by Mike, N6AXQ. Mike was absent so he will send out report separately.
5. Breakfast report by Patsy, KN6XW.
 - a. Big turn-out for December breakfast at Murphy's Hotel.
 - b. There was a small group at the January breakfast, but someone attended who was exploring being a ham.
6. ARES/RACES Report presented by Chuck, W6AJW (see attached memo from SAM, W6SP, Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator). John Litz, NZ6Q, has been appointed as the new San Joaquin Valley section manager to replace Dan Pruitt, AE6SX, SK.

7. Repeater Report by Ken, AE6LA

- a. Ken mentioned there is a second club license with call sign K6XCA in addition to N6FRG. Barry Thaysen, a former club secretary promoted it. We were into packet and additional calls were useful. It's no longer possible to get multiple club licenses but we can keep it. Ken is the trustee for both N6FRG and K6XCA.
- b. Red Cross Animal Rescue has expressed desire to continue ham radio involvement.
- c. Repeater has not changed since last meeting.
- d. No action from Knox LaRue on relocation of repeater antenna and equipment. Ken sent Knox a check for the rent with no comment. Steve Airola, W6RXK, is looking into a new site for the repeater at Quiggs Mountain since LaRue is not responding to the club's needs. Chuck will contact Steve to get status.
- e. The phone patch is fully functional.
- f. There is a spare repeater available which is being stored in Ken's cargo trailer with solar panels and batteries. The repeater can be deployed to Fowler Peak if necessary, since LaRue has not installed a backup power capability. The UHF repeater in Arnold has backup power. The Fowler remote system is frequency agile.
- g. The repeater committee meeting did not occur because Mike was on vacation for the month.

8. Old Business

- a. The continuing resolution to pay bills passed at the last meeting was discussed. Two members were momentarily out of the room for a break when the motion was passed. The absent members felt their vote was taken away. An apology was given with a promise to ensure it does not happen again.

9. New Business

- a. Mark, N6IV, and Chuck will work on a survey to collect information on club member interests in an attempt to increase meeting attendance and club event participation. There are a lot of Technician Class hams who are not active. Chuck asked for ideas on how to increase involvement of local hams. A discussion ensued with no motions put forth or approved.

10. Upcoming Club Events Calendar by Mike, KB6USJ (not present)

- a. A Field Day event was discussed with a Bear Valley campground being a potential location.
- b. Planning for the next Christmas Party was discussed. A motion was put forth and approved to create a standing Christmas Party committee. Ken, AE6LA, and Dee, KM6ELF, volunteered to be on the committee. Their goal is to have a date and venue for the party by the next club meeting. A food budget also needs to be proposed and approved. It was suggested that Mike, KB6USJ also be on the committee and the party details posted on the club website.

11. Adjournment by Chuck, W6AJW, at 20:19.

Prepared by Ken Sanders 1/6/2020

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Banking Summary

11/10/2019 through 1/6/2020

Category	11/10/2019- 1/6/2020
INCOME	
Amazon Smile Income	5.12
Check Book Correction	34.26
HAT SALES	130.00
Member Donations	10.00
Membership Dues	28.83
TOTAL INCOME	208.21
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	28.61
Repeater Expenses	24.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	353.37
TRANSFERS	
FROM Cash Account	204.00
TO Checking	204.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	145.16

Transactions

11/10/2019 through 1/6/2020

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/9/2019						3,814.43
11/12/2019	Checking	DEP	Amazon Smile Income		Amazon Smile Income	5.12
11/23/2019	Checking	DEP/PP	Jeff Stai - WK6I		Membership Dues	28.83
12/2/2019	Checking	PP Pay	NARCC Dues	For REPEATER operation *	N Repeater Expenses	20.00
12/9/2019	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	4.76
12/10/2019	Checking	ATM	GATEWAY PRESS		Member Badges	38.61
12/13/2019	Checking	TXFR	Transfer Money	Check from Ken Sanders	[Cash Account]	204.00
12/28/2019	Checking		Checkbook Correction		Check Book Correction	34.26
1/6/2020	Checking	1167	La Rue Communications	Jan, Feb, Mar. 2020	Ham Repeater Service Fe	300.00
12/10/2019	Cash		Dave Orcutt	Paid for replacement	Member Badges	10.00
12/10/2019	Cash		Dave Orcutt		Member Donations	10.00
12/14/2019	Cash		Various		HAT SALES	130.00
12/13/2019	Cash	TXFR	Transfer Money	Check from Ken Sanders	[Checking]	204.00
11/10/2019 - 1/6/2020						145.16
BALANCE 1/6/2020						3,669.27
TOTAL INFLOWS						422.21
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						567.37
NET TOTAL						145.16

Total Active Members: 89
ARRL Membership: 46
Club ARRL Percentage: 52%
Paid through 6/30/2020 or beyond: 87

ARES / RACES:

RACES

2019 has come and gone, we did not have any RACES activation's. John Osbourn is the Calaveras DES director and I have exchanged a few emails with him. I hope we have a quiet 2020. We are looking for some operators that can do the California Emergency Services Net. The net is Monday nights and Wednesday mid mornings; if you are interested in this please contact me.

ARES

Calaveras ARES was busy in 2019; I did not how much until I did the Calaveras ARES yearly report.

Here is a breakdown of the hours:

- 4 – Exercise/Training with 32 man hours
- 7 – Community Events with 296 man hours
- 8 – Emergency Ops with 736 man hours

For a total of 19 Events with 1064 man hours.

I want to express my thanks to all ARES members as well as the Calaveras ARFS Staff, Jack W6JAK and Ken AC6LA for attending meetings and organizing events.

I know of two Ham Crams coming up this year, one in April and one in October. These Ham Crams are cooperation between Laurel VEC, Calaveras ARES and West Point Fire C.E.R.T. I have not heard of any Ham Crams or VE sessions from the CARS VE coordinator for 2020, but I hope those are in the works. These Ham Crams and VE sessions are vital because of the PGE PSPS being the norm going forward. Using Ham radio is a great way to receive and pass on information during a PSPS. I would strongly suggest that every ARES as well as CARS member's look into having a battery backup base station, so you can be in contact with other during these PSPS.

During a PSPS please monitor the N6FRG and/or the W6WPT repeater; this can be the best way to get info. Also please keep your radio go bag ready, as we may be needed to deploy very quickly.

Lastly; I send an email out to all ARES members to let them know that our Section Manager Dan Pruitt, AE6SX, became a Silent Key on December 27, 2019, He will be sorely missed. As I get information on any services for Dan I will pass them on via ARES Connect.

73,

Sam – W5GP

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 1/9/2020

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	JACK LUAMT	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
XHLW6AJW	Donna Farr	Y	San Andreas
W6AJW	Charles E. Farr	Y	San Andreas
KF6OB	Al Linn	Y	Edna A. DRAC
K66AUT	Nancy Lamore	Y	" "
K66XW	Patty	Y	Arnold
K66HV	Jerry	Y	Arnold
K66FE	Ullie Ruchins	Y	Angels Camp
A66LS	Kar Sording	yes	Arnold
A66CT	Lynn Bartschi	Y	Angels Camp
NV6V	ANDY THOMAS	✓	VALLEY SPRINGS
N6IV	MARK EOBOUT	Y	MOOREWATNE HILL